

Caretaker Charged With Stealing From Professor

By Jason Schultz
Bulletin News Editor

Lester William Day, the 57-year-old former caretaker of James Farmer, distinguished professor of history and American studies since 1984, has been accused of stealing from the elderly and blind civil-rights legend.

On Nov. 30, a Spotsylvania County grand jury indicted Day on two felony counts of embezzlement. The indictments charge that between June of 1997 and June of 1998, while Day lived with Farmer at 3805 Guinea Station Rd. in Spotsylvania County and acted as Farmer's travel assistant, spokesman and caretaker, Day stole an amount of money that the court would only describe as over \$200.

Day will face a jury trial in Spotsylvania County General District Court on Feb. 19, 1998, and could receive up to 20 years in prison for each charge of embezzlement if he is convicted.

Farmer declined to comment about the case but said in a Nov. 14 Free Lance-Star article that Day took "a considerable amount" of money from him.

Sarah Dencke, the Spotsylvania County commonwealth's attorney who wrote the indictment against Day, alleged that Day stole several thousand dollars while he worked for Farmer.

"It was not a particularly clever embezzlement," Dencke said, though she would not release any specifics of how Day



File photo

James Farmer alleged that Lester William Day stole "a considerable amount" of money from him.

allegedly stole the money. "[The embezzlement] was pretty small and spotty at first, but like all good crooks [Day] escalated."

Detective Joseph Cagnina of the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Department, who investigated the case, said in a Nov. 14 Free Lance-Star article that the alleged thefts involved checks, credit-card purchases and automated teller machine withdrawals. Cagnina declined to offer any further comment when contacted by The Bulletin.

Day could not be reached for comment and his attorney, James Jarrell III, declined to comment.

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The campus police have been stripped of their auxiliary powers until they find a new chief.

"Chief Powers will return the powers when a chief is in the position and he feels good about the person," said a Fredericksburg police spokesperson. The spokesperson, who did not wish to be named, said college police still have powers on college property and all adjacent streets and have the power of arrest for any violation which occurs in those areas.

"We still have our original jurisdiction under Virginia state code, which includes the college and adjacent streets. The auxiliary powers just included non-college areas," Nick said.

On Sept. 24, Mary Washington police chief Gerry Perry resigned after an extensive administrative leave. The resignation occurred during a state police and Virginia Department of Personnel and Training-led

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Faculty, SGA Oppose Name Change

By Mark Agee
Bulletin Staff Writer

Students and faculty united on Wednesday to send a message to the Board of Visitors that they do not want to be referred to as Washington and Monroe University.

The Student Government Association and the faculty voted in separate meetings against suggestions for an umbrella name to cover both the Mary Washington undergraduate programs and the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies which will open in Stafford County in 1999. Both bodies want the entire school to remain under the name of Mary Washington College.

The faculty was not scheduled to discuss the name change, but added it to its Dec. 2

meeting at the urging of Steve Watkins, associate professor of English and advisor to The Bulletin.

Watkins said that the impending BOV vote on the name change this weekend made it urgent that the faculty discuss the possible name change immediately.

"[The faculty] would like to preserve the tradition of this school," Watkins said in his resolution to the faculty.

After a long debate, the faculty approved a resolution calling on the BOV to strike down any proposed name change and keep the school as Mary Washington College.

The debate was spurred on by an e-mail sent earlier in the day by Watkins to all students and employees that urged a halt to the name change proposal.

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Jess Tenney, academic affairs committee chair, opposed the proposed name change.

Biology Professor Dies

Pinschmidt Remembered As Devoted Teacher

By Rachel Zoberman
Bulletin Staff Writer

Mary Warren Pinschmidt, professor of biology at Mary Washington College, died unexpectedly at Mary Washington Hospital, on Nov. 25, 1998, from bacterial meningitis. She was 64.

Pinschmidt is survived by her husband, William C. Pinschmidt, a retired MWC biology professor, and two daughters, May Lynn Marquette and Carol Ann Hagen.

Pinschmidt was a member of the biology department since 1961. She taught a variety of classes over her career, including a class this year on Darwinism that she taught in conjunction with Roy Smith, professor of psychology.

"She was a wonderful presence in the classroom," Smith said. "She was an ultimate teacher. That's who she was."

Smith said that anyone who knew Pinschmidt found her to be a good friend as well as a good professor.

"You only had to be around her a short time to realize that if she was your friend, you had a real friend," he said.

Students who had classes with Pinschmidt remembered her as somebody who always had a smile on her face.

"She was always happy," said junior Amanda Dean. "I don't remember her ever being in a bad mood."

Students who had classes with Pinschmidt said they were totally surprised. Sophomore Lena Penasosa said that she was

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Publications

Mary Pinschmidt, a professor of biology who had been at MWC for 37 years, died of bacterial meningitis on Nov. 25.

MWC Police Lose Auxiliary Powers

By Eric Tolbert and Mark Agee
Bulletin Staff Writers

Fredericksburg Police Chief James Powers has stripped Mary Washington College police department of previously held enforcement powers on non-adjacent or non-college-owned property.

Powers said he made this decision because of the lack of a chief in the campus police department.

Mary Washington Lieutenant Rick Knick said, "Chief Powers felt that because we don't have a chief that there wasn't enough accountability in case of liability which is understandable."

Under a previous arrangement, Mary Washington police had jurisdiction in the town of Fredericksburg. The jurisdiction, according to a Fredericksburg Police spokesman, was granted by Chief Powers to allow for cooperation between the departments.

Some Minority Students Feeling Unwelcome At MWC

Two Students Receive Racist Phone Call

By Shawna Shepherd
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

Two African-American freshmen received a racist phone call on their voice mail on Nov. 10. The racist message came after one of the students spoke out during a public forum about MWC 2000.

According to the roommates, the racist message said, "You know I hate black people and wish you would just move away and never come back."

Devon, who didn't want her last name used in this article, is one of the students who received the phone call. She said she suspects the phone call came in response to her speaking out at the public meeting the night before. Devon said she has no known enemies, which leads her to believe that there is a connection between the call and what she had said.

The other freshman who received the call, Devon's roommate, also asked that her name not be used.

"In the beginning I was really upset. How could someone do this? It is their own ignorance," Devon said. "I felt real pity on them because they know nothing about me and they want to resort to stupidity to try and hurt me."

The campus police attempted to trace the phone call, but were unable to track the phone number because the phone call was not the last call made to the room.

According to Voice Services, only the last phone call made can be traced by pressing the star key followed by 57. Campus police can then obtain the number from the telephone company.

The message left on the voice mail began with a 15-second silence, followed by a muffled recording of the racial message that sounded, according to the freshmen, like it came from a movie or television show.

According to Mary Washington police investigator J.T. Norsworthy, the campus police are still investigating this incident and have not made any arrests. The charge for making a harassing phone call, Norsworthy said, would be a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 12 months in jail and a fine of up to \$2500.

The freshmen said they have not received any more racist phone calls.

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Devon is one of the freshman who received the harassing phone call

Survey Shows Racial Attitudes Have Worsened

By Nicole Ramer
Bulletin Staff Writer

In 1988, Associate Professor of Psychology Carole Corcoran and student Kevin Payne conducted a racial assessment survey at Mary Washington College to determine how the perception of the racial climate differed between races. Results from this survey showed the racial climate at MWC was rather unfavorable.

A decade later, Corcoran and psychology students Marcie Turner, Colleen Inson and Trevor Bopp repeated this study to determine if the race relations had improved. The results from this test showed that the negative racial climate at MWC is a greater factor today than it was a decade ago.

"This study supports and documents what informally a lot of us have been hearing from African American students: that they are not happy here," said Corcoran.

The 1998 Racial Climate Assessment Survey included questions from four areas: racial climate assessment, definition of the term racism, social environment and cultural awareness and demographics.

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Weekend Weather

Friday: Sunny. High 69. Low 44.
Saturday: Sunny. High 66. Low 41.
Sunday: Sunny. High 64. Low 42.



Police Beat

By John Spacek
Bulletin Staff Writer

ILLNESS/INJURY

- Nov. 22—An allegedly intoxicated student was found in Jefferson Hall. The student was transported to the emergency room by rescue squad.
- Dec. 1—A residential student was taken to the emergency room by the rescue squad after receiving an injury while playing football in Jefferson Square.

VANDALISM

- Nov. 20—The elevator at Jefferson Hall was allegedly damaged by students. The elevator became stuck.
- Nov. 24—A fire alarm was discharged in Jefferson Hall. Senior Andrew Ward was charged with vandalism and activating a fire alarm in a public building.
- Nov. 24—An emergency telephone at the Battleground was damaged by a student's vehicle. The incident was referred to the administration.

MISSING

- Nov. 17—A student reported a bookbag missing from Seabeck Hall.
- Nov. 19—A student reported a backpack missing from Trinkle Hall.

- Nov. 23—Police received a report from a faculty member in duPont Hall regarding some missing graded papers outside an office. The papers have since been located.
- Nov. 24—A campus key was reported missing by the housekeeping staff.
- Dec. 2—The police received a report of a missing stereo. The incident is believed to have occurred in Spotsylvania County.

MISC.

- Nov. 18—Ryan Garner of Alvey Hall was charged with possession of marijuana in the Sunken Road parking lot.
- Nov. 21—Donald Williams of Fredericksburg was charged with driving after being declared a habitual traffic offender.
- Nov. 22—A student reported the theft of money from the Campus Center. The incident is under investigation.
- Nov. 23—Residence Life staff seized alcohol in Randolph Hall.
- Nov. 24—Police received a harassing phone call complaint from a student in Alvey Hall. The incident is under investigation.



Compiled by Penny Beverage

Auditors Say Clinton and Dole Cheated In 1996 Elections

Audits by the Federal Election Commission have alleged that in the 1996 presidential election campaign both President Bill Clinton and Republican challenger Bob Dole broke campaign finance laws. Auditors claim that both candidates illegally raised and used millions of dollars to finance their television advertising campaigns. The auditors called for Clinton to repay \$7 million and Dole to repay \$17 million to the federal government for matching funds they received for the illegally raised cash. Attorneys for both Clinton and Dole have challenged the audit.

Impeachment Hearings Broaden to Include Non-Lewinsky Evidence

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde decided on Tuesday to broaden the scope of his committee's impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton. In addition to the evidence the committee is already examining to decide if Clinton committed impeachable offenses relating to his sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, the committee will also look at evidence of fundraising violations by Clinton and the Democratic Party. Hyde's decision to widen the impeachment proceedings angered many Democrats in Congress and disrupted business for the rest of the day as politicians bitterly debated the decision.

Big Companies Opting To Merge

In the past week, several major corporations in communications and petroleum have announced mergers which could save millions of dollars for the companies, but cost thousands of jobs. America Online and Netscape are set to merge in coming months, but officials say they are not sure how many employees will be laid off. Exxon and Mobil, America's two largest petroleum companies, also announced that they will be merging to form the largest oil conglomerate in the world. The oil merger will reportedly put 9,000 people out of work.

Mouseketeer Accused Of Fraud

One of Disney's original Mouseketeers is currently on trial for stock fraud charges. Darlene Gillespie, who starred on the Mickey Mouse Club from 1955 to 1959, is on trial for buying stocks without ever paying for them and for obstructing justice. Gillespie's fiancée, who faced similar charges, has already pled guilty and will spend 18 months in prison.

S.G.A. Beat

By Maylian Pak
SGA Press Secretary

- The Board of Visitors will meet this weekend and discuss the proposed umbrella name for Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies. The proposed name is Washington and Monroe University.
- Senior Kelly Cwiak moved in Wednesday's Senate meeting that senators talk to their constituents concerning the possibility of the umbrella name Washington and Monroe University. The motion passed.
- Senate received the results of the stretch track survey. In response to the question regarding whether the college should enact stretch track, 269 answered yes and 443 said no. Regarding whether classes should start at 7:30 a.m., 128 students voted yes and 571 voted no. Two hundred-ninety students voted in favor of parallel stretch tracks and 411 voted against him.
- At the faculty meeting on Wednesday, the stretch track proposal was tabled and a new motion was made to form an ad hoc committee to study stretch track.

The goal is to have a report from the ad hoc by the March meeting.

Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, attend Wednesday's Senate meeting and discussed new federal legislation allowing colleges and universities to notify parents of students who commit alcohol or drug policy violation. Chirico wanted suggestions on methods of contacting parents and what violations called for notifications. Some suggestions were to notify parents only of habitual offenders or if a student is found in a life-threatening situation.

Chirico also asked students for ideas on how to change behavior during Junior Ring Week to curb injuries but still have fun. The old tradition was between only juniors and seniors, with seniors honoring juniors all week. Some suggestions were to hold assertiveness training for students who do not know how to confront their friends on "appropriate behavior" or send out pamphlets outlining behavior that is acceptable. E-mail Chirico if you have suggestions or comments.

Campus Information

- Local florist Jan Williams is hosting the 18th annual "Deck the Halls" floral workshop, sponsored by the college and the James Monroe Museum on December 5 in Monroe 104, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The workshop costs \$20 for the general public and \$15 for members of the Friends of the James Monroe Museum. For more information call 654-1043.
- The James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library will hold an open house on Dec. 31, 7-9 p.m., as part of Fredericksburg's First Night celebration. The museum is at 908 Charles St. The first night open house, which will include refreshments and exhibits, is free to the public. For more information call 654-1043.
- The Mary Washington College community Symphony Orchestra will present its annual "Pops" concert on Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. As part of the concert, Polish musician Zygmunt Zygraja will play a "mystery instrument." The concert is open to the public but some seating is reserved for "Friends of the Orchestra," so general admission seating may be limited. For more information call 654-1012.
- Belmont, the Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial gallery, will hold its 21st annual open house on Dec. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Belmont is located at 224 Washington Street in Falmouth, Va. The event is open to the public. For more information call 654-1015.

Corrections

In the Nov. 19, 1998 Bulletin article entitled "Debate Rages Over Honor Case Result" the phone number for the Honor Council was incorrectly listed as 654-1140. The correct phone number is 654-1144.

In the Nov. 19, 1998 Bulletin article entitled "Gallery Of Voices Brings MWC's Diverse Student Body Together" Carol Corcoran's name was spelled incorrectly.

Dodd Auditorium Namesake Dies

Eileen Kramer Dodd, for whom Mary Washington College's Dodd Auditorium is named, died Saturday, Nov. 28 at her home in Fredericksburg.

Dodd was a professor of education and later psychology at Mary Washington for 44 years, beginning in 1926, when MWC was still known as the State Teacher's College of Virginia. According to *A History of Mary Washington College* by Dean Emeritus Edward Alvey, Dodd was among the first professors at MWC to hold a doctoral degree.

Dodd married MWC economics professor James H. Dodd in 1930, with then-college-president William Curtis performing the ceremony.

She continued to pursue graduate courses through the 1950s at schools such as Lehigh University, New York University, the University of California and Duke University. She was also among the first MWC professors to offer extension courses connected with the University of Virginia.

Dodd was chair of the psychology department for 18 years, and also served as sponsor for the Alpha Phi Sigma scholastic honor society. She retired from MWC in 1970, and was named an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa in 1971.

Mary Washington named the auditorium in George Washington Hall after Dodd in 1980.

The family asks that condolences be given in the form of donations to the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad at Box 444, Fredericksburg, Va. 22401 or to Hospice Support Care, Inc., 2119 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg, Va. 22401.

—staff reports

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in Pinschmidt's class on Monday, Nov. 23, and thought the biology professor appeared to be in perfect health.

Pinschmidt served in several administrative positions during her years at MWC. She served as Associate Dean for Graduate and Extended Programs from 1983 to 1986, and Associate Dean for Adult and Continuing Education from 1986 to 1991.

In 1982, she received the Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, the highest award a teacher at MWC can get. In 1996, Pinschmidt received the National Faculty Award from the Association of graduate Liberal Studies Program.

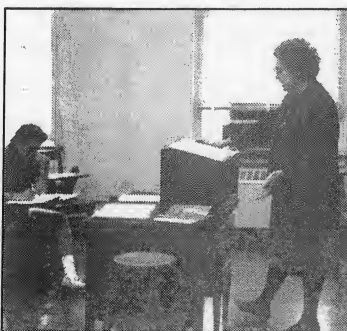
Rosemary Barra, chair of the biology department, said that Pinschmidt was an invaluable part of the college.

"She supported our department and the school," Barra said. "She played a major role in academic decisions that benefited programs of the college. She will definitely be missed by the department and the college as a whole."

Judith Parker, assistant professor of linguistics, remembered Pinschmidt fondly for her many years of work on the HIV/AIDS Education Committee.

"She was completely dedicated to educating students and everyone in the college community on various issues related to HIV and AIDS," Parker said. "If something needed to be done for the committee and nobody else was doing it, she would always pick it up."

Students, colleagues, friends and family members packed a memorial service on Nov. 27 at Trinity Episcopal Church at 825 College Ave. Smith read a eulogy and Pinschmidt's daughters read a letter they wrote to their



Courtesy of Publications

Students who took Mary Pinschmidt's biology classes said that she was always happy.

mother.

"It was packed with her friends and children's friends and people from the college," Smith said.

The "Mary Pinschmidt Biology Scholarship Fund" is also accepting donations. The college has asked anyone interested in donating to the scholarship fund to send donations to the MWC Foundation at P.O. Box 1908, Fredericksburg, Va. 22401.

According to Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and the dean of the faculty, plans are underway for a Mary Pinschmidt memorial program.

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Farmer is blind and uses a wheelchair after a long bout with diabetes and several surgeries, including the amputation of both his legs. He also requires two full-time caretakers to live with him. Deneke said that Day lived in Farmer's residence and was romantically involved with the other caretaker, a woman who has not been identified or implicated in the investigation, for about a year before friends of Farmer began to become suspicious and launched an investigation.

Farmer, who has taught courses here at MWC since 1984 on the history of the civil rights movement, served for decades as a pioneer in the struggle for civil rights and racial equality. He has also written a bestselling autobiography and recently received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his lifetime as a civil rights worker. MWC President William Anderson called Farmer a legend and a hero.

"It is unimaginable that anybody would take advantage of somebody in [Farmer's] condition and of his stature. It is a sad commentary," he said.

According to Anderson, Farmer is still financially secure despite the money allegedly stolen from him, and Farmer still plans to retire from teaching in January of 1999.

Anderson said that the college and will make sure that Farmer is always able to live comfortably and take care of his medical expenses after he retires.

Farmer will continue to work with the college on various projects, Anderson said. One project Anderson mentioned would involve Farmer videotaping his memoirs of his days in the civil rights field. The tape would be used for future sections of the history of civil rights class Farmer used to teach.

Farmer still lives in Spotsylvania County and has hired a new caretaker. Day's future will be decided in February by a jury of his peers.

The Bulletin needs a new Distribution Manager.

Anybody interested should call 654-1133 and leave a message.

OPINIONS

Fredericksburg Xmas: MWC Uninvited

In its infinite wisdom, the Fredericksburg City Council recently mailed out more than 60,000 postcards to Fredericksburg-area citizens, inviting them to do their Christmas shopping in downtown Fredericksburg. The postcards also pointed out the new extended evening hours being employed by many of the downtown shops.

The problem with this, as was reported in The Free Lance-Star earlier this week, is that the Benevolent Council only sent these postcards to households with annual incomes *exceeding* \$75,000. You don't have to be a math major to see that this excludes most of the Mary Washington College community.

Sure, some administrators easily make 75 grand, but most professors do not. The MWC students, of course, usually struggle to put together 75 cents for Papa John's on a Saturday night. Thus much of the MWC community is not invited to share in the downtown Christmas experience.

This, of course, is not the first time MWC has been snubbed by the community. Fredericksburg, unlike Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, or Blacksburg, does not have a positive relationship with its college. Sure, the mayor comes and welcomes all the freshmen every year, but other than that, nothing. Codes are enacted frequently to limit the number of college students who live in local housing. The city police department constantly picks up students for walking back from parties (and heck, the reason why those students were walking was likely because the police also broke up the party).

Have you ever seen a "Go Eagles" sign in front of a local business? Of course not. When one drives into Charlottesville, they see "Go 'Hoos" (or whatever) everywhere. In Blacksburg, you see nothing but "Good Luck Hokies." Here, you see a tiny sign on Route 3 that says "Mary Washington College" and points you onto William Street.

Regardless, the point here is that the people of Mary Washington College do a lot of Christmas shopping in this area, and they were just told "you ain't invited" to shop downtown. Apparently Mary Washington money is no good here. Perhaps the city should remember just who it is that keeps the army of Chinese restaurants, pizza delivery operations and bagel shops open in Fredericksburg.

Honor Hits Home

By Mike Canty
Guest Columnist

I remember growing up in New York and loving to go to St. John's basketball games as a kid.

I would take the Long Island Railroad to Madison Square Garden and walk up the stairs from the train station to what I considered a temple of basketball. Names like Ewing and Jordan ring through my head.

One time I got a call from a neighbor at about 5:30 saying that he had two extra tickets to that night's game.

It was St. John's versus Georgetown, a real Big East match-up. I was so excited I could hardly wait to run to the train.

My brother and I quickly towards the train station. The train was leaving at 5:55 so I knew it would be a close call.

We were about halfway there when we realized that if we didn't hurry we would miss the train and the next one was an hour later.

We would most certainly miss the tip-off and most of the first half. We arrived at the train station and my brother bought his round-trip ticket with a \$20 bill.

The round-trip ticket was \$9, so the ticket saleswoman gave him a dollar and a \$10 bill.

I could tell this lady was not in a good mood and when I asked if she could hurry she really copped an attitude with me.

I gave her a \$10 bill and she gave me a single and another ten. At first I didn't notice. As we were walking up to the platform we heard the train pull into the station. It was then that I realized what had happened.

So what was I supposed to do? Should I run down and give this lady the money back? I would most certainly miss the train.

Or should I get on the train and forget all about it? I began to think to myself... This is easy.

The lady had an attitude. It's not really her money and I have a game to go to. Get on the train.

I told my brother about the whole thing almost bragging that I had made an extra \$10.

I can still remember the look on his face. It was this stare that told me I had only one choice, but still I pleaded.

"We'll miss the first half of the game; it's not her money. Why should I?"

His response was simple and to the point. "It's the right thing to do." We walked back down and I signed the \$10 bill to the woman and explained what had happened. I expected her to be really grateful and thank me profusely.

It didn't happen. I did, however, still feel really bad about missing the train, and I asked my brother why he was so adamant about giving the money back.

And as we sat there waiting for the next train he explained to me what it means to have honor.

"It's not about what people owe you, or how you legitimize to yourself why it is right to keep the money, it's about doing the right thing."

It's about doing the right thing when it is easier to do something else.

There will be another train, but there are few times in life when you can prove to yourself that you have some integrity and that you are honest.

It doesn't matter what that woman thinks.

You did what you did for you and with the hope that everyone else will do the same thing.

You did good. I promise. Just do the right thing and you'll be okay."

We caught the next train and did catch the last few minutes of the first half.

To be honest I don't even remember if St. John's won that night (I hope they did), but I do remember the chat I had with my brother.

So you ask what honor means to me? Well, if you take my brother's advice, it means doing the right thing. But there is a greater message in this story.

Honor to my brother was not only doing the right thing but educating me.

Being honorable is important but professing that honor and demanding it of others is also just as valuable.

—Mike Canty is a senior.

—Letters to the Editor—

Wood Is Good

Editor:

This is in response to an ad in the Nov. 19 issue of the Bulletin, entitled "Do you know your Wood?" With all due respect, the "six starving students" do not seem to understand how each of our dining facilities works and its hours of operation.

Wood has a contract with Mary Washington College and must abide by the contract's terms, including hours of operation, offered fares and number of dining facility employees. Students have two dining options: Seabeck Student Restaurants or the Eagles Nest.

Seabeck offers an all-you-can-eat buffet for breakfast (\$3.25), lunch (\$4.50) and dinner (\$6.10). No buffet restaurant in Fredericksburg offers a service at this price. The Eagles Nest offers a variety of a la carte items.

The meal equivalence for breakfast is \$2.50, lunch is \$3.50 and dinner is \$3.95. These two facilities are priced competitively with Fredericksburg's Old Country Buffet, whose cost is \$8.45 for dinner, and McDonald's, whose costs are approximately \$3.99 for a value meal deal in Fredericksburg.

Meal plan prices are based on the total cost of each meal plan. If the existing meal plans were to change, prices would in all likelihood change as well, due to added costs for employees, food, products and hours of operation.

The present hours of operation are posted outside both Seabeck Student Restaurants and the Eagles Nest for the students' convenience. At the beginning of the school year, a brochure was distributed to all students to explain the meal plans, the hours of operation and points of contact for questions.

The Presidential Dining Hall Advisory Committee (PDHAC) is a student-run committee consisting of members of the Wood management team, college administration, faculty and students. Student opinions are valued and should be directed to the committee and/or to Wood.

The committee and Wood are always available to listen and make improved changes in food quality and service and for better student satisfaction. Please contact via e-mail at "dining@mwc.edu" or by phone: Director of Seabeck Restaurants, Mike Greenfield X2230; Seabeck Offices X1029; or Director of Eagles Nest, Tim Lockett x1139.

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Wood Is Bad

Editor:

As students of Mary Washington College, we are privileged to have different dining options. As you are aware, Dining Services offers a meal equivalency plan by which students are allowed a certain number of meals per week.

Only three meals may be used per day, and each meal must be used within a certain time period. If the student does not use his/her allotted number of meals per week, the remaining meals are forfeited.

Being concerned with student satisfaction, we feel you should be informed of student feelings about this process.

We feel that we should be able to use all the meals we pay for.

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Cartoon by Gregory Greven

Animal Rights Over All

By Mike McKenna &
Rob Martin
Guest Columnists

The last issue of the Bulletin contained a column regarding the triviality of the animal rights movement ("Human Rights Over Animal Rights"). The author, Mr. Accenda, made several points which we would like to address.

First, the author quotes Cleveland Amory as saying that we should not refer to animals as "personal property" or "livestock" because language often influences and reflects our thinking.

Accenda interprets this statement as signifying that words have no meaning or "actual correlation to reality." This is a gross misinterpretation of Amory's quote.

Amory clearly intends to show us that words are loaded with meaning and carry an array of positive or negative connotations. For example, if one refers to women as "sluts," is not the individual's perception of women altered?

Of course it is. Likewise, Amory illustrates that using terms such as "personal property" or "livestock" marginalizes an animal's inherent worth as a living and feeling creature and reduces them to a commodity.

Second, the author makes the point that rights are "inalienable and self-evident." We agree completely. All living things have an inherent right to exist.

However, the author feels that such rights are only limited to human society. The article states that "rights are concepts we humans use to interact peacefully."

As humans, we have the ability

to persuade one another with our minds... When humans deal with other humans, we try to avoid as much "force" as possible."

The glaring contradiction with this statement is that historically rights have not always been respected in human relations, and sometimes force is the only way humans deal with one another.

One need only look to our own American heritage for proof of this fact. Upon first arriving in the New World, Christopher Columbus wrote of the Arawak Indians, "They would make fine servants... With 50 men we could subjugate them all."

The legacy of human history illustrates one thing: rights are not always respected. The powerful do what they will and the weak must accept. This is how our culture tells us to regard animals. Animals are inferior and therefore they are at our disposal. Whether it be racism, sexism or speciesism, oppression has one main characteristic: the subjugation by one group towards what is perceived to be an inferior group.

Third, the author states that humans are intellectually superior to animals. Absolutely this statement is so obvious it doesn't have to be mentioned.

However, the author then takes this intellectual superiority as justification to oppress animals, which he views as inferior. We disagree. Since humans are intellectually superior, should we not be morally superior as well?

Most people would agree that unnecessary killing is unjust. Why is this ethic limited to humans? If we are truly superior creatures, we

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FEATURES

'Tis The Season To Go Shopping

A Student Reveals This Year's Hot Items Of The Holiday Season

By Jaimie Donaruma
Special to the Bulletin

"Jingle Bell Rock" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" are not the only sounds you will hear echoing throughout the stores this season.

Cash registers will be ringing up sales more than usual during the holidays. White lights in the shape of snowflakes, colorfully-decorated Christmas trees, wrapped presents, red bows, and Santa Claus surrounded by children waiting to read him their lists crowd Spotsylvania Mall.

This past Friday, better known as "Black Friday," was the biggest shopping day of the year. This marks the official beginning of the holiday shopping season.

You may be wondering what you should buy your relatives and friends for Christmas or Hanukkah. What are the hot items this year?

Carrie Nicholson, a Sam Goody salesperson, recommends picking up a hot new CD for a gift. The bestsellers in music this season are 2 Pac's greatest hits, Matalica's Garbage, Inc. and Garth Brooks Double Live Album.

The top 20 popular albums are available as well, including Jewel's newest release. If you are in the mood for some holiday music, Sam Goody has a great selection with prices ranging from \$7.99 to \$14.99.

If clothes are your passion, American Eagle Outfitters captures your attention with its bright fleeces available in red, yellow, light green and blue. Keeping with the holiday spirit, the employees at American Eagle are decked in red and green baseball caps.

According to salesperson Sarah Newman, they are selling many sweaters and flannels, great gift ideas for everyone. If clothes do not suit the person you are shopping for, American Eagle also carries various scented and unscented candles along with other holiday-oriented items for the home.

Another way of saving money is by strolling into Structure. Structure offers a 10% discount on all future purchases until Dec. 24 if you spend \$75 today. According to salesperson Jennifer Raczka, Structure X-pants are a hot item this season. The drawstring cargos, available in corduroy, are \$34.50 or two for \$49.50. Stock up

on basics such as t-shirts, boxers, socks, belts and ties because they are buy two, get one free. They make great stocking stuffers!

Express' red atmosphere, set by the decorations and clothes worn by the employees, draws you to its sales. Metro tee's are only \$19.50, Ponte Pants are \$29.50 and Transit sweaters are on sale for \$49.50.

Limited salesperson Jamie Henshaw said that the hot items currently are their tops with matching cardigans. Angora Boule sweaters are on sale for \$49. They also have jeans on sale. Use your Limited credit card and get an extra 15% off. Don't have one? Apply for one and you still get 10% off. Buy shoes to match these outfits at Kinney's because they are going out of business and everything is on sale for 50 to 80% off!

Bath and Body Works is a great place to go if you are looking for body lotions and fragrances for both men and women. This season's fragrance is Sugar Plum. Buy three items such as lotion, body spray and bubble bath for only \$21. Snowglobes, globes of soap with a snowman inside, are the hot items there. Another big seller is the snowman filled with soap, lotion, etc. They also carry cologne and many other items for men.

"This store has something for everyone from babies to grandparents," says Jo-Ellen Gibson, Bath and Body Works' manager.

They will, however, have some competition with Victoria Secret's fragrance line where the seasonal fragrances are Pear Glaze on the garden line and Rapture for the fine fragrance. There you can buy five for \$30. Another neat item is Shimmer, either a soap or lotion that makes your skin shimmer after you use it. They are on sale three for \$25.

Books are always good gifts that you can get for great prices at Walden Books. Sales associate Kurt Rubin said that

younger teens seem to really want books on the music groups NSYNC and the Back Street Boys, and, of course, "Titanic" is still big.

"For kids, the big sellers are 'Rugrats' and 'Goosebumps,'" Rubin said.

If you are looking for horror, Steven King has a new book out called "Bag of Bones." Other popular authors are Daniel Steele, Ann Rice and Tom Clancy. They're the current number-one seller is Tom Wolf's "A Man in Full." Jewel's book of poetry is going quickly and so is "The Guinness Book of World Records for 1998." And "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus" and "Chicken Soup for the Soul" are still favorites of many. Their top ten books are between 15% and 25% off.

So do not let this warm weather fool you! The time for Christmas shopping is now, before the stores get too crowded. Jennifer Racka, an Express employee, recommends heading to the mall during the daytime in the middle of the week since most people shop in the early evening after work and on weekends.

Good luck shopping and happy holidays!



Nova Namerdy and Amy Staples shop 'til they drop at Spotsylvania Mall.

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PRISM Reflects Its New Image

By Warren Duffie
Bulletin Staff Writer

The remarks have gone too far.

Last year, Amanda Cooney thought up the ideas of Safe Haven when she lived on a floor near people who often made anti-gay comments. As a result, Cooney opened her room as a getaway for anyone who just wanted to talk and escape bigotry.

Now, as a sophomore and member of Mary Washington College's Pride Reflecting Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM), Cooney is the coordinator for the group's Safe Haven program.

"Last year, we would often say that it would be nice if there were places set up where people could feel safe," Cooney said. "So when the idea for Safe Haven came up this year, we thought it was great. We just want people to feel that they're not alone and that there are people who support them."

PRISM hopes to establish Safe Haven as a program where people can offer their residence hall room, house or office as a place of comfort to students, regardless of race or sexuality. The program will operate on a volunteer basis.

"Not everyone feels comfortable going to meetings or an RA," Cooney said. "With Safe Haven, we want to create an environment where people can discuss issues important to them without fear of discrimination."

Heather Dancer, the president of PRISM, feels that this is extremely important in light of the recent torture and death of Matthew Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming student. She wants PRISM to become a more visible and active presence on campus through programs such as Safe Haven.

"The scary thing about the murder is that it could have been right here on campus," said Dancer. "Someone once asked me if Matthew Shepard would have been safe in Fredericksburg, and I told them if someone had asked the University of Wyoming that question, I'm sure the answer would have been 'yes.'"

To take a more noticeable and significant role on campus, PRISM has undergone several changes in its leadership and club direction. The most obvious change is the name change. The group was

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The Bulletin Time Capsule

A Look Back At 1969

Vietnam Opponent Discusses War, Says Women Should Help Stop Fighting

By Linda Cayton, 1969

Steve Squire, co-chairman of Virginia Mobilization Committee, issued a challenge to a handful of MWC students at Thursday night's "Talk about the War" session.

"Women have great influence in ending the war in Vietnam, if they would only start using it," Squire said. "They have to realize what is happening."

Squire pointed to the effectiveness of women in the past in cases such as suffrage and prohibition.

"They are the ones who see their lovers go off and not come back or come back warped. They suffer the effects of trying to raise children in a war torn country, or where children will not receive all possible benefits due to the economy of war," Squire said.

He added that it was time women started thinking in their own terms, not listening to men and telling people not to go. Squire said that it was up to the women to make "killing the unacceptable thing to do."

Squire also desires a change in the attitude of the country so war will cease altogether.

"We need to get a sober analysis of what the situation is...and what has to be done to end the war and bring about a change in priorities in the country so there will be no more Vietnamese and no more wars," Squire said.

In analyzing the war situation, Squire maintained that the issue was no longer one about Vietnam. He pointed out bombings of Laos and Cambodia, armings of dictatorships of Latin America and Portuguese in African colonies and equipping of the Philippine army.

"If the Soviets were doing anything like this anywhere else in the world, we'd be climbing the walls," Squire said.

According to Squire, the country needs to take

responsibility of the actions taken.

"We'd better start realizing that the U.S. does a lot of nasty things," Squire said. "You can still be the greatest country in the world and do nasty things."

In his opinion, the American point of view towards the war could be wrong.

"Maybe they [North Vietnamese] are not the enemy. Maybe they are fighting for something very real to them, fighting to keep foreigners out of their country as we fought a war in 1812 to keep foreigners out of ours," Squire said.

In talking of ending the war, Squire admitted that he had no definite answers.

"We should question until one receives satisfactory answers or work toward other courses," Squire said. "If a democracy must survive we must work to help it change until it is what it should be."

Squire also evaluated last month's moratorium activities in Washington, D.C.

"We have learned that a lot of people marching doesn't change anything anymore. It's just a gimmick. If it doesn't change anything, why do it?" Squire said.

As to further plans, he could only raise the question, "Where do we go from here?"

In terms of priorities the U.S. is falling apart, according to Squire. He has many questions concerning racism and violence.

"Can we wage war in Vietnam and expect peace here?" he said.

Squire raised the question of the wisdom of blindly relying behind our leader.

"Hitler was a leader, so was Stalin," he said. "Your leader is a paid civil servant who works for you, like a garbage man...only a garbage man doesn't live in as nice a house." The government is supposed to be us."

"We must," Squire said, "end the war in Vietnam and, more importantly, end the policy which leads us into wars."

A View Of Women's Rights In 1998

A Student Discusses The Status Of Women's Liberation

By Christen Massanillo
Bulletin Asst. Features Editor

In 1960, women began to grow tired of repressed "Leave it to Beaver" moms and one more episode of Lucy being scolded by her Cuban husband, Ricky Ricardo.

But the women who initially decided to reject the stereotype of the weak female and create an uproar were not the ones already stuck in the kitchen.

The motivators were the college students; young, educated women who refused to be thrown into imprisonment like their mothers had been.

"I do not want to live in a society where I am not offered the same opportunities and privileges as a male is offered," says Jasmine Commerce, an MWC junior.

Similar to other movements started in the '60s like the civil rights movement, the freedom of speech movement and the antiwar movement, the feminist movement was born and was allowed to thrive on college campuses.

The movement is kept alive by the breath of young women who demand a change in the attitude of their society, in their government and in their homes.

The women's liberation movement has grown since its first inflammation and is presently prospering on campuses like that of Mary Washington.

The college currently supports groups like Women With a Voice, National Organization for Women and Women of Color.

"We have already established so much. From voting to jobs to

government, women are finally making headway towards equality," Commerce said.

Before this relatively recent wave of feminism, women were forced to live in a man's world. They were trained to be submissive and devoted to their husbands and to hold a high standard of morality.

It was not until organized groups assembled in the '60s and began to plow through this oppression that women were able to



more freely express themselves.

These ranged from large organizations like NOW (National Organization for Women), EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission), the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) to smaller groups like WITCH (Women Infuriated at Taking Care of Hoodlums).

Although the previous generation began the earthquake of feminism, the tremors are shaking in the '90s as well.

Women today hold a responsibility in carrying on the woman's movement and making an impact on the present-day society.

However, it is also the responsibility of the male to make a

change. In many instances women are still being made to feel inferior to the male.

Amanda Jordan, a junior at MWC, said that she accepts that her field of study, medicine, is an "all boys club."

Even though she is currently a biology major and interned at the Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic, Jordan still sometimes feels excluded in her field because she is a woman.

In her classes, Jordan says she experiences a hint of sexism when teachers continuously call on males for the answers.

"I want my Dad to look at me and my brother and see that we both have the same opportunities and can succeed at the same things," Jordan said.

Other female students in male dominated majors feel similar. Errandi Salgado, a junior, is intimidated after entering some of her political science classes, and confronting a majority of males.

"Maybe that's why we don't have women in really high political positions, like president," Salgado said.

The percentage of women in government has increased since the '60s, but not by much. In 1967 only 4% of the legislative seats were held by women.

In 1997, the percentage had grown to 11% of women in legislative positions. By looking at these statistics, there obviously remains an attitude in our present day society that women are not capable of holding office.

Kari Lee, a junior and intern at

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formally known as the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Association (GLBSA). At the end of last year, the name was changed to the Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Association (GLTA), a decision that caused some members to feel that the name was too difficult to say.

"The name was just too cumbersome," said Tammie Willis, a junior. "So we had a meeting at the beginning of this year where everyone threw in their ideas, and from there we voted and narrowed it down to PRISM. It's a nicer name and more inclusive."

Another difference from last year is that the organization is maintaining more of a balance between being an advocacy group and a social one. In previous years this was a problem because, while there were a number of members who wanted to be activists, there were many who were still coming to terms with their sexuality and were not comfortable with playing such an open role.

"At our meetings we still take care of business and deal with advocacy," Willis said. "However, we focus a lot more on caring and support. At the end of each meeting we have 'Caring and Sharing,' where we talk honestly and openly about issues involving sexuality, school, stress or anything else."

The catalyst for the group's internal changes was the arrival of Dancer, a Fredericksburg gay activist who first became involved with PRISM last year and has since taken a stronger leadership role.

Although not a Mary Washington student, Dancer serves as vice-president of Parents, Friends, & Family of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and is a co-founder and coordinator of Out Youth Empowerment Alliance (OYEA), both Fredericksburg gay support groups.

She first became involved with PRISM when she was invited to speak at a "coming out" issues meeting at the beginning of last year. As time passed, she continued to attend meetings, lend ideas for activities and help out with any club projects.

"I actually was roped into the leadership spot," Dancer said. "Because of my experience with other organizations, they asked me to step in at the end of last year and help establish a direction for the club."

According to Dancer, the main differences between this year's and last year's group are the number of members and the general attitude of the organization. She said that at last year's first meeting, there were over 40 members, but it then



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Students visit the GLBSA table at the annual club fair. The club will now be known as PRISM.

dwindled down steadily until there were only five or six members who did not take many steps to make themselves known on campus.

"I was really disappointed because there was so much apathy last year," Dancer said. "Now there are so many members who are excited and want to do stuff. We also have a lot of first and second year students who have more time and energy and who want to leave their mark."

Now, a year and over 45 members later, PRISM is healthier and has had new life pumped into it.

Dancer said that this influx of freshmen and sophomore has come about because more students "come out" sooner. She knows of many cases where people realized they were gay at the ages of twelve or thirteen and have been able to accept their sexuality.

With October being Gay and Lesbian Awareness Month, PRISM has been active by co-sponsoring events such as Gallery of Voices and the Oct. 16 candlelight vigil for Matthew Shepard and sponsoring film discussions such as "It's Elementary," "Very Queer Kids" and holding a costume ball where attendees can watch "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

This is also the first year that PRISM has a

faculty advisor. As director of one of the residence halls, Heather Tucker first became aware of PRISM on Club Day.

"I went over to their table and asked if they needed an advisor and they said, 'Yes,' so here I am," she said. "My main job is helping the club establish a relationship with faculty for things such as elections and other club events."

Jessica Braswell, a senior and club treasurer, said that PRISM has come a long way from the state it was in last year and remembers the dreary Tuesday afternoon last winter when she realized changes were necessary.

"We were just sitting, five girls in a room, not doing anything or having anything to talk about," said Braswell. "It was a waste of an hour on a Tuesday afternoon. Last year we had nine to ten at the most because people would come to meetings and not come back."

Dancer's main goal is to prevent this kind of apathy to set in.

"I hope that PRISM will raise awareness on campus on an in community of gay issues," Dancer said. "We're going to do it through education, support and advocacy."

THUMBS

a features column by the Bulletin staff

UP



to the cast and crew of Sweeney Todd. Great job, guys!

DOWN



to the proposed name Washington and Monroe University

UP



to the tremendous crowd at last night's men's basketball game. Go Eagles!

DOWN



to the arrival of finals without having a reading day to break up the stressful week

UP



to Seacobeck's South Park Study Break

DOWN



to professors who give tests the week before exams



Diana May/Bullet

AIDS Quilts Displayed

In honor of World AIDS day, Dec. 1, the Mary Washington AIDS and HIV Peer Educators coordinated the display of various pieces of the AIDS quilt. Hanging in the Woodard Campus Center, Jepson Science Center, Trinkle and duPont Halls, the quilt pieces are vivid reminders of the lives that were lost due to this disease. In conjunction with the display, the group held a conference in the Red Room of the campus center.

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the Capitol under Senator Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), sees sexism in government daily.

Since the Monica Lewinsky scandal, the jokes and negative attitudes have gotten increasingly worse. For example, after handing the security guard her identification pass, she often times receives snide comments about whether or not she is also an intern with loose morals.

However, according to Lee, it is not only the people or males in government that need to alter their perception of the women, it is also the public.

"Most of the comments I get are not from people I work with, but people on the train," Lee said.

Women's participation in the workplace has grown more easily and more extensively than in government. Since 1970, women's share of the work force has increased from 23% worldwide to 68% of women ages 15-64 in the U.S.

"Women have begun to receive more opportunities getting jobs in the male dominated work place," Commerce said. "I think men are finally beginning to see that we are capable."

Some female students see the positive affects of being a woman. For example, when college students attempt to rent out a house in the Mary Washington College vicinity, landlords are more willing to lease to females. "If anything it's helped me," said Beth White, a junior. "It's almost an advantage at times."

Females in the '90s already seem to demand more from their society as well as the males in their lives. There is a higher level of awareness about inequality that has forced

women to look upon their own lifestyles and how they are treated.

"I definitely demand respect. If I don't get it—Bye!" Salgado said.

Many women are beginning to understand that they have a choice and do not have to be locked down by their boyfriends or husbands. Salgado plans on living her life far different

"It bothers me when women complain that they don't want to be seen as dumb and then you see them on TV bouncing up and down naked."

—Erandi Salgado, junior

that her mother. Her career will take precedence.

When asked what else needs to be improved in order to eliminate the disease of sexism, most of the college women interviewed said it was the image of the sleazy women portrayed on T.V., movies and trashy magazines.

"It's so degrading to the female," Jordan said. "Women are not just sex objects like on Baywatch."

However, as easy as it is to blame the male for exploiting these women, it is also the

female's decision to straddle or to lie naked on a bed covered in rose petals. Many females feel that it is the woman's responsibility to hold herself and her body in a respectable manner and make sure that no one takes advantage of it.

"It bothers me when women complain that they don't want to be seen as dumb and then you see them on T.V. bouncing up and down naked," Salgado said.

Women have been conditioned to believe that by using their sexuality, they will be able to achieve various things. Young girls see this every Monday night on Fox's Melrose Place and old movies starring Marilyn Monroe.

There is a certain responsibility of women in public to hold a high standard of the female and represent her as not just a plaything for males.

"The example that woman of the Twentieth Century are setting for young girls is not a respectable image. Instead of looking to live figures to find out what the ideal woman is, the younger generation is forced to look at plastic: Barbie. Barbie is an example of how society views the perfect woman. According to Lee, if Barbie were a real woman, she would not be able to walk.

"Her boobs are too big, her waist is too small, her feet are too small and her legs are too long," Lee said. "It's ridiculous."

However, this figure is what we are teaching and showing our young girls what an ideal woman is like. No little girl will become Barbie. There is only the chance that she will try to become this physically beautiful doll and pose for "Playboy" or enter a Miss America pageant.

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Men's Basketball Team Gaining Attention

Wood Hired As Permanent Coach; Given A Two-Year Contract

By Jamie Deaton
Bulletin Sports Editor

This fall MWC conducted a national search for a permanent men's basketball coach and decided that the best possible candidate had been sitting on their bench for the last two years.

Rod Wood, no longer the interim coach, was awarded a two-year contract on Nov. 6. In addition to coaching basketball, Wood, who will receive his master's degree in education from National Louis University in January of 1999, will continue teaching physical education classes at MWC.

"It was a unique situation. I knew all the interviewers," said Wood, who will make \$34,000 next year as basketball coach and professor of physical education. MWC had a total of 27 applicants for the job. This number was narrowed down to three finalists.

"We had a good candidate pool," said Director of Athletics Ed Hegmann, who declined to name the other two finalists. "I was glad to hear both candidates we turned down say they really enjoyed the interview process."

"We [the team] felt Coach Wood was the only choice," said senior Dave Love.

In August 1996 Tom Davies, MWC's men's basketball coach for 18 seasons, resigned. This left MWC little time to find a coach and Wood was hired after only a local search was made.

Before coming to MWC, Wood served as an assistant coach at Robert E. Lee high school in Northern Virginia for two years.

Wood also played for Robert E. Lee and helped lead the team to the Virginia State Championship in 1981.

He then played college basketball at Randolph-Macon. Wood was a four-year starter for a Randolph-Macon team that made three trips to the NCAA tournament during his time at the school.

At the time of his resignation from MWC, Davies was on tenure. However, because of the recent elimination of tenure within the athletic department, Wood will not be on a tenure track.

Sophomore Branan Burde described Wood as "hardworking, dedicated, and demanding. He has his goal in mind and he works harder

"When he [Wood] first came in the team was unsure of itself, but from the very beginning he took control."

—Dave Love, senior

than anybody."

Wood made an immediate impact on improving the men's basketball program. In his first season as coach he led the Eagles to a 15-11 record, their first winning season in 10 years. Wood was named Capital Athletic Conference coach of the year for the 1996 season.

"When he [Wood] first came in the team was unsure of itself, but from the very beginning he took control,"



Anthony Edwards (24) was named MVP of the Lynchburg College Tipoff Tournament.

said Love. Both Love and Burde also said that the high intensity level Wood brings to the team has helped them immensely.

Last year the team's record slipped to 9-16. One of the major factors of last year's poor record was that other teams finally started to take the Eagles seriously.

"In 1996 Goucher was the only school that scouted us. There wasn't a game we played [last year] where we weren't scouted by at least two

people," said Wood.

Another reason that the Eagles struggled last year was the unexpected departure of Justin McCarthy, who left school for personal reasons. Consequently, Wood had to adjust the offense designed to feature McCarthy, a player who was named All-South Region for the 1996-97 season.

"Last year was a learning process.

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Record Crowd Sees Catholic Hand MWC Its First Loss

By Geoff White

Bullet Assistant Sports Editor

The men's basketball team went into Wednesday night's game against Catholic feeling rather good about themselves.

They were off to a 3-0 start and were ranked #22 in the country, the first ranking in school history. However, Catholic, ranked third nationally, came to Goolrick and handed MWC its first loss of the season, 94-87.

Both teams came out strong early on with some tenacious defense. MWC played Catholic very tough as senior Dave Love kept the game close with clutch three point shooting.

With 25 seconds left in the first half, coach Rod Wood seemed to encourage the crowd to make some noise and was whistled for a technical foul.

After the two made foul shots Catholic went on to score again and at halftime they held a six-point lead.

The first five minutes of the second half proved disastrous for the Eagles.

Catholic's star point guard, Pat Maloney, who was five for six from three-point range, brought Catholic to an 18-point lead.

MWC managed to fight back strong, however. Junior James Brown and seniors Dave Love and Burt Burroughs hit key three pointers to close Catholic's lead to 11 points with 10 minutes left in the game.

The home crowd of nearly 1,000 really began to make some noise as they saw the momentum swing towards the Eagles' advantage.

"The crowd today was great. Hopefully the turnout will stay high for the entire season," said James

Brown, who scored a game-high 21 points.

Unfortunately, the momentum seemed to fade when senior George Bunch picked up his fourth foul.

After Bunch's foul, Catholic seemed to be at the foul line for the rest of the game. Catholic went to the foul line seven consecutive trips down the court. Catholic took advantage of their opportunities, hitting 35 of 46 shots from the foul line for the game.

MWC hung tough, led by some great play from sophomore Phil Klaus, who played big with Bunch on the bench. Klaus had 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds in a solid performance.

Catholic still seemed to keep a 10-point lead until Burroughs scored three of his 15 points with three minutes to go in the game.

Catholic refused to let up and brought the lead up to eight with two minutes to go. Brown managed to cut the lead to four with 20 seconds left, but it proved to be too little too late for the Eagles as Catholic held on for a seven-point victory, 94-87.

Junior Merritt Cassell who played some critical minutes at the end of the game described the loss as "painful, because we are much better than that."

Cassell added, "Our defense could have been much better and hopefully it will improve as the season progresses."

"It was a very tough loss, but I think it shows that we can play with the top teams in the country. Hopefully we can improve; after all, it is the beginning of the season," said Brown.

Women's Basketball Wins First Five Games

By Jeff Graham

Bullet Assistant Sports Editor

MWC's women's basketball team improved to 5-0 yesterday with a decisive 63-46 win over Catholic.

Leading Mary Washington in scoring was sophomore forward Erin Caulfield with 21 points, senior guard Andrea Sellers with 12 points and sophomore forward Helen Huley with 11 points. Pam Canfield had 16 points for Catholic in a losing cause.

On Monday night, while Virginia Wesleyan coach Joanne Renn was busy berating her team for a lackluster effort, MWC coach Connie Gallahan sat with a huge smile on her face. Her team gave her plenty to be happy about.

MWC's women's basketball stormed out to a comfortable lead against Virginia Wesleyan and never looked back as the Eagles defeated the Marlins 91-77.

The Eagles quickly pulled ahead of the Marlins, leading 11-4 after

three minutes of play, with Sellers scoring nine points. MWC was able to put points on the board early with their fast break offense.

Coming into the game, the players were aware of Virginia Wesleyan's strengths: a run-and-gun offense that likes to spread to floor and put up points in a hurry.

It looked as though the Eagles took a page out of Virginia Wesleyan's playbook, as they were the team scoring at will early.

"We knew they were a fast team and were going to try to run on us, so we wanted to control the rebounding, limit their fast breaks and run on them," said Caulfield.

And run they did. With their offense able to break down Virginia Wesleyan's man-to-man defense, the Eagles opened up to a 32-16 lead with less than nine minutes to play in the first half.

Gallahan was also able to rest some of her starters as the bench did a superb job in sustaining the lead and playing superb defense.

Sophomore guard Bernice Kenney

capped off the team's terrific first half as she buried a 12-footer at the buzzer, putting her team up 46-29.

At halftime, MWC's leading scorers were Sellers with 13, Kenney with nine and Caulfield with six.

The first five minutes of the second half were tarnished by sloppy play and numerous turnovers, as neither team could keep up with the fast pace exhibited in first 20 minutes of play.

Despite the letdown coming off of halftime, the Eagles were still able to extend the lead to 23 points, leading 67-44 with 12 minutes to play. Though the team was up by a lot, they didn't realize how much they were actually leading by.

"During the game, we weren't paying attention to the score because it was such a fast-paced game," said Kenney.

Though they may not have realized what the score was, they definitely took notice when Virginia Wesleyan stepped up its defense with 10 minutes to play.

Using an aggressive full-court

press, the Marlins cut MWC's lead almost in half. Virginia Wesleyan guard Nancy Mattox nailed consecutive three pointers to lead a 10-2 run, leaving the score at 72-59 with seven minutes to play.

The Eagles, however, strengthened their defensive effort and used timely rebounding to halt the Marlins charge. Virginia Wesleyan never got closer than 76-64, as the Eagles killed the clock and had good foul shooting down the stretch.

Overall, the team members were pleased with their victory, as most of the players got a significant amount of playing time.

"We all were energetic and everyone did a great job coming off the bench," said Caulfield.

Leading the Eagles were Sellers with 21 points and five rebounds and Caulfield with 15 points, four rebounds, and four assists.

Kenney had an exceptional game, as she finished the game with 16 points, eight rebounds, four assists, and four steals. Senior forward Erica Salmin scored 11 points.

MWC Splits Meet With Johns Hopkins

By Toni Fashola
Bulletin Staff Writer

On Nov. 20, the women's and men's swim teams took on Johns Hopkins University at Goolrick.

Coming off an excellent win over Goucher, the women were able to maintain the momentum they have been picking up. The women defeated Johns Hopkins 113-82.

Leading the women was Kim Myers who captured first place in three events. She took the top spot in the 200, 500, and 1000.

Teammate Mariah Butler had her lifetime best in the 100 meter fly. NCAA provisional times were had by Lindsey Taggart in the 100, as well as the 100 backstroke, along with Diana Hansen in the 100 breaststroke.

The men did not fair as well. They were defeated 125.5-71.5. Nate Zalenski finished first in the 100 fly, while teammates Eric Richko and Jeff Dehart swam unshaved bests in the 1000 and 100 backstroke.



Marcy Michaels had six points and five rebounds against Catholic.

Schedule of Events

Men's Basketball

Dec. 4: vs. Gallaudet at Goolrick, 8 p.m.

Dec. 12: vs. Western Maryland at Goolrick, 7 p.m.

Track and Field

Dec. 5: at VMI Invitational at Lexington, TBA.

Swimming

Dec. 4-5: Franklin and Marshall Tournament, TBA.



Diana May/Bullet

Cody Camblin heads for the finish line.

New Coaches At MWC Face Coaching Without Tenure

By Eric Tolbert
Bulletin Staff Writer

College administrators have decided to end the practice of granting athletic coaches tenure. Unlike other faculty members, who have opportunity for tenure, new coaches will only be hired on renewable contracts.

"The decision was made to make it easier to terminate coaches if they are not fulfilling expectations. It is really with the players in mind. If we get someone bad in there and they have tenure, it could be extremely hard to get someone else in that position," said Director of Athletics Ed Hegmann.

According to the MWC Faculty Handbook, "tenured faculty are assured continued re-election by the Board of Visitors of the college, year after year without benefit of any specific individual contract with the college."

As non-tenured faculty, Hegmann says new coaches will be more accountable and will undergo a review process at the end of their contracts.

"For new coaches, we will start

with a two-year renewable contract. In January of the second year, Phil Hall [Dean of the Faculty] and myself will sit down and review whether to offer the coach a one-, two-, three-, or five-year contract, or no contract at all," said Hegmann.

According to Hegmann and Hall, the decision not to offer coaches tenure is consistent with what other colleges are doing.

"We are one of the few colleges who were still doing this," said Hall.

Since 1992, Salisbury State University, a member of the same athletic conference as MWC, has not offered tenure to its new coaches. Salisbury State Athletic Director Mike Vienna feels the non-tenure tract is more appropriate for coaches.

"The tradition in Division III schools was for the coaches to be treated like any other faculty member, but the relationship doesn't always work," said Vienna.

"We lost some great coaches because they did not have doctoral degrees and could not get tenure and we have some lousy coaches who were just here to teach," added Vienna.

At Salisbury State, all coaches are now on one-year renewable contracts and can be fired with 30 days' notice from the president of the school.

"That is set up not for losing seasons, as everyone will have losing seasons, but for misappropriation of funds or bigger problems. It makes everyone accountable," said Vienna.

According to Vienna, all but two coaches, who have been there a longer time, are on the renewable contract basis. With the decision not to offer tenure being fairly recent, all but three coaches at Mary Washington have tenure.

One such coach is track and field coach Stan Soper.

"I came into a situation years ago when it was a tenure-track position and I appreciate that. I think there are pros and cons of both systems," said Soper.

Senior soccer midfielder Kevin Linton thinks the school has made a good decision.

"I think it makes sense. There are some great coaches here, but this makes it easier to get rid of a bad one," said Linton.

me," said the right-hander.

His work ethic correlates directly to his success, according to twelfth-year Eagles coach Tom Sheridan.

"B.J. is one of those one-in-a-million guys you hear about," said Sheridan. "He has one of the best work ethics I've seen."

A tradition is beginning at MWC. In the past six years, six Eagle players have been invited to the minor leagues with hopes of developing into the major league quality. In most recent years, Jeff Hootselle, Jason Pierson and Kevin Losty have taken steps toward every little leaguer's dream of becoming a baseball player by profession.

"I never thought it would happen to me," said Belcher, who had a 3.55 ERA last spring for MWC. "I heard about all the great times [Hootselle] had. I just hope to stay healthy."

Playing semi-pro last summer, Belcher forfeited his eligibility to play

on the college level again. That is not to say, however, that he does not fill a role in the Eagles' 1998-99 season. Belcher, still enrolled at MWC through the fall semester, has assisted in training and acted as a role model to the rising players on the team.

"B.J. is one of the most coachable players on any team I've been a part of," added Sheridan.

Belcher hopes to make the jump from rookie status to single A status this spring. Last year's experience will certainly help.

His experiences represent the highest highs and the lowest lows of an athlete's career. With a brand new season ahead of him, Belcher will work to meet some lofty personal goals he has set for himself.

"I don't know what will happen. I'm just gonna go down there and work my butt off."



Diana May/Bullet

B.J. Belcher is now in the Texas Rangers organization.

Now Varsity, Crew Paddles On

By Jamie Deaton
Bulletin Sports Editor

As the sun rises on Potomac Creek, the site of MWC's rowing practices, so does the beginning of a new varsity sport at MWC.

This semester marks the crew team's first season as a varsity sport for both the men's and women's team. Team members no longer have to scrape together funds for the next regatta, organize bus rides to and from competitions, or worry that they are involved in a sport without an official coach.

Brad Holdren is well into his first year coaching the crew team at MWC. With a budget that is expected to be somewhere between \$20,000-\$22,000, Holdren and the team are finally getting the resources they need to develop MWC into a perennial contender.

Holdren described the transition from the team being a club sport to a varsity sport as "entertaining."

"I've only coached club programs before," said Holdren, who started racing in 1985 at Grand Valley State University. Shortly thereafter, he fell in love with rowing.

Holdren, who is making \$30,000 a year as coach, said that MWC has

adapted very well to a new coach and has accepted his way of doing things. Holdren contrasted this experience so far to the one he had while coaching at Clemson University.

Holdren said that Clemson's crew team was much more set in maintaining the way they had run things in the past.

As Holdren attempts to build a successful program at MWC over the next few years, he realizes crew is a different kind of sport.

"It's such an intrinsically motivated sport," he said.

Crew is also unique in regard to how teammates affect one another.

"It's just not a very good spectator sport. If I would go to a regatta [without some kind of personal involvement], I'd be bored out of my skull," said Holdren.

Basically, most sports fans want to see seconds of ecstasy on the playing field, rather than minutes of grueling work.

"A lot of people don't understand [crew]. A lot of people think it's just paddling around in a boat," said Henley.

Junior Duncan McClellan showed Dave Chaves and Scott Grossman, two of his friends, that crew is an

extremely demanding sport. McClellan put them on a rowing machine setting the machine for a moderate pace. Five minutes later, both of them threw up.

For McClellan the greatest motivating factor is "knowing that the guy you're rowing against is up at 5 a.m. too. Crew is a sport where there is no luck involved."

This kind of inner motivation that leads the rowing team to practice each morning while practically everyone else on campus sleeps, creates a special kind of bond among team members.

With the change to varsity status the team has also increased its practice time.

"Last year the team only practiced every other day. This year the team practices a lot more," said sophomore Sara Harney.

The transition from a club to varsity sport basically means the team receives money from the college for a coach and for equipment and meets.

"With a coach it frees up the rowers from doing administrative work. It adds an element of discipline," said McClellan.

"A lot of our success has to do with our coach," he said.

MWC Sports Results

Women's Basketball

Nov. 20
MWC 67 Westfield State 53

Nov. 21
MWC 76 Gwynedd-Mercy 72

Nov. 24
MWC 65 Frostburg State 53

Nov. 30
MWC 91 Virginia Wesleyan 77

Dec. 2
MWC 63 Catholic 46

Women's Swimming
Nov. 20
MWC 113 Johns Hopkins 82

Nov. 21
MWC 107 St. Mary's 98

Men's Basketball

Nov. 20
MWC 101 Wesley 57

Nov. 21
MWC 94 Lynchburg 72

Nov. 24
MWC 90
Newport News Apprentice 77

Dec. 2
Catholic 94 MWC 87

Athlete of the Week: Anthony Edwards Men's Basketball

Edwards was named tournament MVP of the Lynchburg College Tipoff Tournament. Over the first three games of the year Edwards is averaging 16.0 points, 11.7 rebounds, and 3.3 steals a game.

Women's Soccer

The season is over, but the team is still gathering recognition for its accomplishments. Kurt Glaeser was named South Region Coach of the Year. Johanna Klein and Ellen Anderson were named first team All-South Region. Kristen Mercer was named second team All-South Region and Sarah Downey and Laura Stafford were named third team All-South Region.

Men's Swimming

Nov. 20
Johns Hopkins 125.5 MWC 71.5

Nov. 21
MWC 114 St. Mary's 67

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[We] had to go through it to make improvement. It was a step we had to take," said Burde.

The 1996 season was not a total failure, though.

"As far as an overall season, it was more rewarding to me," said Wood, who added that his team won every game they should have and consistently played high-caliber teams.

MWC may not have earned as many wins as Wood envisioned in 1997. However, the team did earn the respect of the schools in their conference, as there were scouts from other schools at every game.

"He's [Wood] really working hard. He has more than doubled his effort of recruiting," said Hegmann. "He has a good playing background. He

really understands the game."

As Wood begins his third year at MWC, the basketball program is beginning to become more and more of what he envisions.

"I think we can play more man-to-man. We got a little more talent and a lot more depth. I believe we have 10 players that can start at any time," said Wood.

However, Wood still sees a couple of necessary areas for improvement. One his goals is to bring more minority students into the basketball program.

"I'm in contact with 20-30



Diana May/Bullet

Rod Wood has guided the Eagles to a 3-1 record this year.

minority students that I would love to have. I still haven't gotten a minority freshman athlete in here. That troubles me," said Wood.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Holiday Voices In Dodd

By Dominique Pastre
Bulletin Staff Writer

The sun shone brightly on the MWC campus and the temperature reached into the upper 60s as students returned from Thanksgiving Break on Monday. It did not seem like the last day of November, nor did it feel much like the commencement of the holiday season.

Despite Mother Nature's disposition, the Mary Washington Choral Endowment Fund, otherwise known as MWC Clet, held its annual Combined Holiday Concert at Dodd Auditorium.

The performance, which featured the talents of the Mary Washington College Chorus, the Fredericksburg Singers, Encore, Symphonics and the Treblemakers, set the stage for the beginning of the holidays.

The choral ensembles displayed their holiday cheer with a variety of carols, including those that celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

Stephen Burton, assistant professor of music, conducted the entire performance. After the opening number, which was performed by the combined choruses, Burton invited the audience to stand and sing "The First Noel."

This group-carolling continued at various times throughout the show and included such songs as "Hark! The Herald Angel Sings" and "Joy to the World."

The audience, which filled most of the auditorium, enthusiastically participated. Most excited were the many children who sat attentively with their parents while the concert took place.

The first choir to sing was the Treblemakers, a relatively new group on campus which gave only its fourth performance Monday night. An a cappella ensemble, the Treblemakers consist of a talented bunch of 15 women and 5 men.

The group's final song, entitled "Night of Silence," consisted of the well-known "Silent Night" teased with different lyrics and a different tune. The accompanist, junior Emily Wilkinson, demonstrated her talents on piano.

The Fredericksburg Singers is a group of students and community members whose repertoire included some lighthearted humor with a creative consort of Christmas carols.

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Karen Pearlman/Bullet
Senior Abby Cordell and junior Maylian Pak were among the singers who participated in Monday's Combined Holiday Concert.

CD REVIEWS: BECK, CARDIGANS AND GERSHWIN COLLECTION

By Chandra DasGupta
Bulletin Opinions Editor

For all those students wondering what to get for friends or family this holiday season, here are reviews for three CDs that have recently been released.

Beck and the Cardigans have just come out with new albums. Also, a new CD has just been released that features contemporary artists' interpretations of several George and Ira Gershwin classics.

Beck, "Mutations"

So Beck's previous album albums, "Odelay" and "Mellow Gold," were critical and artistic successes. So Beck is experimental as all hell, and the great majority of people associate him with his hits like "Loser," "Where It's At," and "New Pollution."

There is nothing wrong with these songs at all; they will stand the test of time as great music without a doubt. However, listeners should not expect the same thing with Beck's latest album, "Mutations."

With "Mutations," released on Geffen Records, Beck has done something far more experimental than his past two albums—he has changed genres. That is, if he even had a genre to begin with.

"Odelay" and "Mellow Gold" were heavily produced, pop-rock-meets-garage-rock-meets-disco-meets-blues-meets-hip-hop, and so on and so forth. "Mutations" is straight out of Beck's

folk/blues/country background, modestly produced and very refreshing. Beck is reminiscent of Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson and the acoustic Beatles songs.

Beck is pure blues on tracks like "Bottle of Blues" and "Cold Brains." There are heavy influences of folk on "Canceled Check" and "Sing It Again." Beck even tries the ever-popular sitar on "Nobody's Fault But My Own," and, unlike many artists, succeeds in the integration.

The track "Tropicalia" is being hailed as the big hit, and in it the savvy listener might recognize that old tune "The Girl From Iwo Jima."

The thing I appreciate most about Beck's break with Top

40 hell is that he is really a musician who makes the music that he wants to.

He might have felt the urge to be experimental and catchy with "Odelay," but then he felt like making a bluesy album, so he did it. Beck will stand out as one of the greater late-twentieth-century musicians, and that is very good.

Cardigans, "Gran Turismo"

The Cardigans' third album, "Gran Turismo," was produced by Mercury Records in early November. In a short time, the album has grown in recognition by word of mouth into a minor

masterpiece.

Yes, we all know how annoying that single "Lovefool" was, and many people (including yours truly) pegged the Cardigans as a one-hit wonder, a one-trick pony and a group whose 15 minutes of fame were actually wrapped up in a convenient three-minute chanting of "Love me, love me..."

Even I was surprised. "Gran Turismo" shows the maturity of a full-fledged rock band. Vocalist Nina Persson's little-girl voice grates on the nerves at times, but I have to say that she is much more capable than I originally thought.

"Gran Turismo" shows the Cardigans' diversity with elements of the standard rock/pop genre that we know and love, yet the Swedish band reveals a darker side with such tracks as "Marvel Hill" and the first single, "My Favorite Game." The Cardigans also feature several dreamier, lighter, and I dare say ethereal tracks such as "Explode" and "Higher."

If it came down on the line, I would say that "Gran Turismo" is worth purchasing, simply because it is a good listen, start to finish. Astonishing though it may be, I am anxiously awaiting their next release.

Various Artists, "Redhot & Rhapsody: The Gershwin Groove"

"Redhot & Rhapsody" is a collection of George and Ira Gershwin classics redone by contemporary artists. The proceeds of this CD will go to AIDS research and relief.

The Gershwins were among the most

...Beck has done something far more experimental than his last two albums—he has changed genres. That is, if he even had a genre to begin with.

The famous FILM FIEND

Discusses the Movies Coming Out This Holiday Season

By James Mirabello
Bulletin Entertainment Editor

Besides summer, the holiday season is perhaps the most lucrative time for producers to release new movies. If you haven't noticed that trend already, just look at the potential blockbusters that have come out in the past few weeks. "A Bug's Life" and "Enemy of the State" have blazed through theaters.

Paradoxically, the holidays are also a time when studios release their Oscar hopefuls, which can be seen in the recent releases of "Celebrity" and "Elizabeth" (which I lovingly call "The Godmother" because of its resemblance to a certain mom movie).

But the season is just starting. There is a slew of blockbusters and Oscar hopefuls coming out, and the Film Fiend is going to try and cover as many as possible.

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"Shakespeare in Love" stars Joseph Fiennes (Ralph's brother) and Gwyneth Paltrow. It's about a young Willy Shakespeare who has writer's block concerning his new play, "Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate's Daughter." Lucky for him, he meets the beautiful young Paltrow, who inspires him to write the tragic romance for which all star-crossed lovers remember him. This could be neat. I'll leave it at that.

"Psycho" is a short-for-shot remake of Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 classic. Starring Vince Vaughn and Anne Heche...please, don't make me go on...this is just pathetic.

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"A Simple Plan" involves four average joes, including Bill Paxton and Billy Bob Thornton, who find \$4.4 million in the woods and decide to keep it. The consequences of the decision, of course, prove to be terrifying. The tense drama, directed by Sam Raimi ("Evil Dead 2"), how's that for a change of pace? is generating an extremely positive buzz, and might prove to be a contender come Oscar season.

"Jack Frost" stars Michael Keaton as a dad who dies and is reincarnated as a snowman...Poor Michael Keaton. He



Anne Heche is the new shower gal in the remake of "Psycho," directed by Gus Van Sant ("Good Will Hunting").

really needs a hit. Sigh. Maybe the kids will go see it.

"Star Trek: Insurrection" brings back the crew of the starship Enterprise, led by the noble Captain Picard (played by the marvelous Patrick Stewart). This time, Picard and company need to protect a newfound utopia from money-grubbing opportunists led by F. Murray Abraham ("Amadeus"). When the government decides to back the greedy carpetbagger-types, our heroes decide to act, you guessed it, an insurrection! Yes! No. The word is that this is one of the worst "Trek" films to date.

DEC. 18

"You've Got Mail" reunites Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan, the cutest movie couple this side of...aw, hell, ain't no one cuter than them two. Hanks and Ryan play two business rivals who start to fall in love via an Internet chat line. The combination of Hanks and Ryan is a powerful one-two punch that is going to make some producers very happy this Christmas.

"Playing By Heart" is a movie about people's love for architecture.



Tom Hanks stars in "You've Got Mail" with the loveable Meg Ryan.

Basically, that's about it. But don't shrug "Playing By Heart" off. It stars Madeleine Stowe and the excessively cool Sean Connery, and the buzz is that it is a powerful and moving film. And it has Connery, so go see it.

"Prince of Egypt" is the new animated feature from Dreamworks and ex-Disney executive Jeffrey Katzenberg. The cartoon recounts the story of Moses and features the voice talents of Ralph Fiennes, Michelle Pfeiffer, Val Kilmer, Sandra Bullock...the list goes on and on. The word is that this movie is amazing, and it had better be—it is one of the biggest gambles in Hollywood history. Will Katzenberg be able to dethrone the invincible Disney? He better at least make a dent or "Prince of Egypt" could ruin him.

DEC. 25

"Stepmom" stars Ed Harris, Julia Roberts and Susan Sarandon. Roberts is

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WMWC TOP TEN:

| Number | Artist | Album |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Beck | "Mutations" |
| 2. | REM | "Up" |
| 3. | Jon Spencer Blues Explosion | "Acme" |
| 4. | Mercury Rev | "Deserter's Songs" |
| 5. | Soul Coughing | "El Oso" |
| 6. | The Cardigans | "Gran Turismo" |
| 7. | Unbelievable Truth | "Almost Here" |
| 8. | The Afghan Whigs | "1965" |
| 9. | Sunny Day Real Estate | "How it Feels to be Something On" |
| 10. | Belle & Sebastian | "The Boy With The Arab" |

The Top 10 List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC. Questions? Please call The Bulletin at x1133 or WMWC at x1152. Also, don't forget to visit the WMWC web page: <http://www.wmwc.edu/wmwc-okay?>



Karen Pearlman/Bullet
On Nov. 21 and 22, the Performing Arts Club presented the "Eugenius" Performance, which was put on in honor of Eugene Roscoe, the popular dance professor who died last summer. Pictured is junior Sarah Lyon.

TOP TEN FILMS:

| Movie | Weekly Gross |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1) "A Bug's Life" | \$45.7 million |
| 2) "A Rugrats Movie" | \$27.4 million |
| 3) "Enemy of the State" | \$25.9 million |
| 4) "Waterboy" | \$19.6 million |
| 5) "Babe: Pig in the City" | \$8.2 million |
| 6) "Meet Joe Black" | \$8.1 million |
| 7) "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer" | \$6.4 million |
| 8) "Home Fries" | \$5.3 million |
| 9) "Ringmaster" | \$5 million |
| 10) "Very Bad Things" | \$4.7 million |

Opening this week: "Psycho" starring Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche, Julianne Moore, William H. Macy and Viggo Mortensen.

Fight Champion: Santa, Tiny Tim or Saddam?

Photos and interviews by Karen Pearlman



"Santa Claus, because Rudolph is on his side."

—Brian Turner, junior



"Tiny Tim. He'd take one crutch and knock Santa sober, then use it to give Saddam that enemy he so desperately deserves."

—Justin Camarda, junior



"Tiny Tim, because no one is mean enough to beat up a cripple."

—John Rock, junior



"Saddam Hussein, because when you spell his name backwards, he's a madass."

—Mandy Heller, junior



"Tiny Tim, because he reminds me of John Langan."

—Robert Wall, junior

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They sang such songs as "Throw the Yule Log on Uncle John," "Good King Kong Looked Out" and for those fortunate folks from New Jersey, "Oh, Little Town of Hackensack." The fact that the singers played kazoos while they sang was an added bonus to their performance.

After the lively show from the Fredericksburg Singers, juniors Mindy Sadler and Derek Coryell sang a duet to "Silver Bells."

Their performance was delightful, as the two students complemented each other's singing nicely. The carol was pretty and nostalgic, a reminder of Christmas in New York City.

A wonderful demonstration of talents proceeded with the Mary Washington Chorus. The choir showcased the voices of students with four different songs. Two soloists were spotlighted on the stage.

Soprano Jennifer Murray, a junior, sang "Some Children See Him," a reminder of the magic of believing in Santa Claus.

The second soloist, soprano Jane Atticks, a freshman, sang "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day." Although Atticks was sick, she nonetheless gave a stellar performance.

"I've been fighting a cold for a long time and I was only nervous because I had a cold," Atticks said. Even though she is only a freshman, she has already received solos in Symfonics and the MWC Chorus.

There was supposed to be a third soloist, but Lara Ostrowski, a freshman, was unable to perform due to laryngitis.

Again, Burton called on audience members to join in a carol. The enthusiasm in the house was impressive. Everyone stood and gaily sang "Joy to the World."

Atticks was pleased with the turnout; she said the attendance was greater than it was for her last performance.

"It was nice to see so many people united at the beginning of the holiday season," she said.

The Symfonics adorned the stage clad in shorts and T-



Karen Pearlman/Bulletin

The singers of the Holiday Concert, which was held on Monday in Dodd Auditorium.

shirts, gloves and scarfs, and of course, sunglasses. Needless to say, the singers' dress was appropriate wardrobe for the unseasonal weather.

There was also a handbell solo by recent graduate Nora McIntyre, followed by "Oh, Holy Night" performed by soloist Wilkinson.

Encores gave a swinging show that featured "Big Band Santa" and "As Long As There's Christmas," which displayed the talents of soprano Rachel Silbaugh, a junior,

and tenor Chris Balsko.

The holiday concert was a festive way for the community and the campus to celebrate the start of the holiday season. Unfortunately, before Christmas trees and menorahs, stockings and snow, we are faced with final exams. Sophomore Megan Weirter, a member of the Fredericksburg Singers, put it perfectly.

"During the stressful week such a concert chilled us out," she said.

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influential musicians of the early twentieth century. Popularity came at first from Broadway musicals and shows such as "Porgy and Bess" and "Rhapsody in Blue," which George Gershwin described as "trying to make a lady out of jazz."

These classics have not only stood out as masterpieces of mainstream music, but also comparable to (if not exceeding) more serious compositions of the twentieth century, be they classical or jazz.

Artists have always worked with Gershwin classics. Think of Janis Joplin's "Summertime," or Ella Fitzgerald doing anything from "Porgy and Bess." The playful song "I Got Rhythm" inspired some of Charlie "Bird" Parker's most famous compositions. Billie Holiday, Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington and Benny Goodman have all credited the Gershwins' influence in their careers.

Throughout the century, artists have felt the pull of George and Ira Gershwin. This album exemplifies the impact that the Gershwins have on the current generation.

More than a dozen artists contribute their interpretations of Gershwin classics on this album. From David Bowie to Luscious Jackson, from Sinead O'Connor to Natalie Merchant to Duncan Sheik, artists pay their respects and dues to the Tin Pan Alley composers.

The Red Hot Organization is the outfit that distributes this CD. In the past, they have released a Cole Porter tribute album and organized television programs and multimedia projects not only to raise AIDS awareness, but to contribute money and support for AIDS research and relief.

Not only is "Redhot & Rhapsody" a noble endeavor, it is also an extremely good CD full of talented artists.

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Ed Harris' new wife, but she has to compete with her stepkids' biological mother, played by Sarandon. The word is that this is a pretty good movie and lots of people are going to want to see this film. I am not one of them.

"Civil Action" is a very Grisham-like movie about a lawyer (John Travolta) trying to bring a big corporation down. The difference is that this is based on a true story. Possibly, with Travolta playing the lead and with strong support from Robert Duvall, this could be a good movie.

"Patch Adams" stars Robin Williams as a doctor who thinks that laughter is the only and best medicine. The movie is being compared to "Good Morning, Vietnam" which is definitely not a bad thing. Considering Robin Williams' current winning streak, it looks like "Patch Adams" will be at least a moderate hit.



George Clooney is part of the ensemble cast mustered for the new WWII film "Thin Red Line."

"Mighty Joe Young" stars Bill Paxton, the beautiful Charlize Theron ("Devil's Advocate") and a big robotic gorilla named Joe. What happens when big Joe comes to the big city? I'd be inclined to say complete and utter chaos and destruction, but since this is Disney, I doubt that will happen. Aw, poopoo.

"Hurlyburly," which stars Meg Ryan, Sean Penn and Kevin Spacey, is an adaptation of a powerful play about a bunch of women-hating, drug and alcohol-abusing, actor wannabes. Sounds like a pleasant movie, right? Oh, who cares? This stuff wins Oscars.

"The Faculty" is one of those cool movies. Starring Salma Hayek and Elijah Wood, it was directed by the cool Robert Rodriguez ("Desperado") and was written by the immensely cool and successful Kevin Williamson ("Scream," "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and "Dawson's Creek"). That's cool. And the cool plot involves a bunch of students who realize that their teachers are acting a little funny and that they are really evil space aliens trying to take over the world! Wait a second. That's... not cool. "Thin Red Line" is the second World War II movie that is supposed to be amazing and win tons of Oscars. Starring Sean Penn, Nick Nolte, John Cusack, Woody Harrelson and John Travolta, this film could be the stiffest competition "Saving Private Ryan" has. The plot involves a battalion of troops who have to take the Japanese island of Guadalcanal. If "Thin Red Line" lives up to the hype it's generating, then the Academy Awards will be the battle of the WWII flicks.

With all these movies coming out in the next month, there really is something for everyone.

Whether your taste be World War II, space aliens, legal battles, big monkeys, romantic comedies, animated epic or a cheap

Hollywood ripoff, there is a movie for you to enjoy this holiday season. Happy Holidays!

Other Films Playing Now:

"Elizabeth" stars Cate Blanchett, Geoffrey Rush and Joseph Fiennes. The plot involves the young Queen Elizabeth trying to consolidate her power. Overall, the film is a solid effort. However, despite strong performances, lavish design and a smart script, the film needs another half hour in order to fully explain who is whose side. That is the major flaw of an otherwise good movie.

"A Bug's Life" is the new computer-animated feature from the boys who brought you "Toy Story." Of course, there are those cheesy moments that come with all kids' movies, but that's fine because this is a kids' movie. Other than that, "A Bug's Life" is a fun-filled, hilarious film which everyone can enjoy. It is highly recommended as jolly good winter break fun. And here's a tip—watch the end credits. Trust the Fiend.

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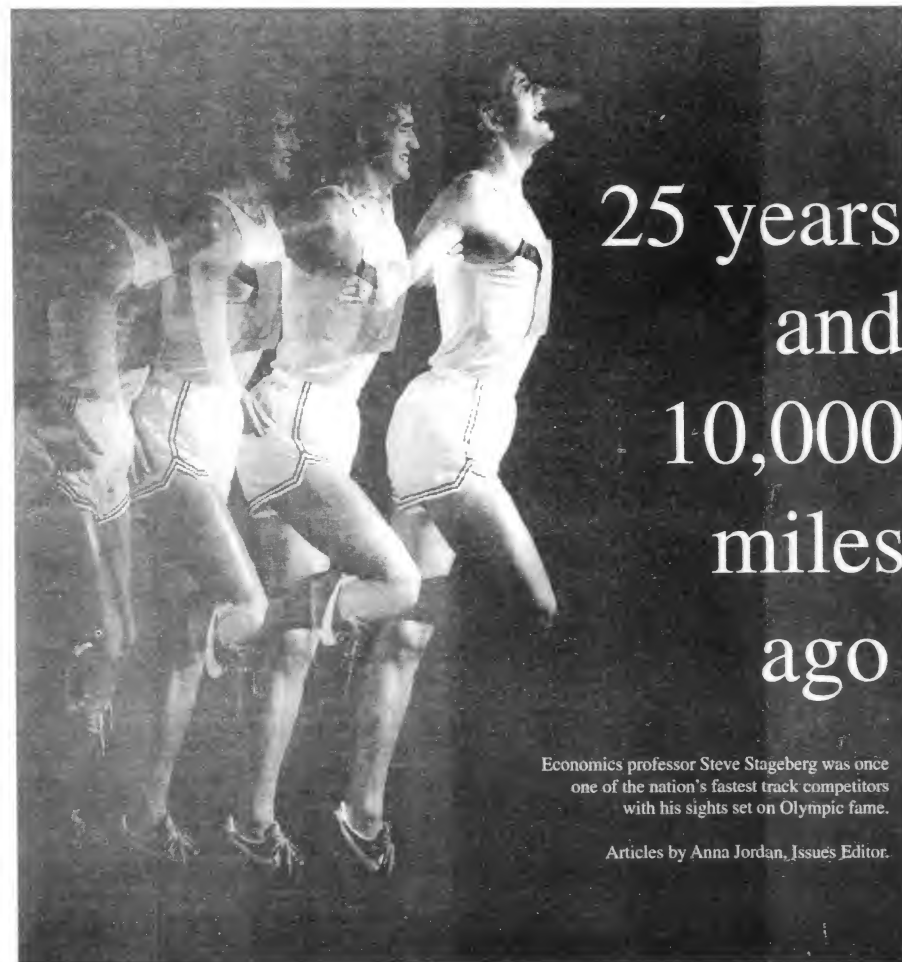
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It is hard to imagine when looking at Stageberg, often dressed in a bow-tie and wearing his small wire-framed glasses, that he once raced alongside such great racers as Steve Prefontaine and Gerry Lindgren.

Early Years on the Track

Stageberg recalls a sixth grade physical fitness test as his first real race, and the first time he considered running track.

"We had a 220-yard run and there was one kid, Jim Burke, who was the fastest kid in school. We lined up to race and... I thought, 'well he's going to win', and then I almost beat him. I

had never come close to Jim Burke before and he beat me by only 1/10 of a second. And at that point I had an idea... maybe I can be pretty good at this."

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at sprinting, the 440-yard run and broad jumps.

Stageberg raced throughout the eighth, ninth, and tenth grades, winning city and district championships. It was when he became a junior at South Eugene High School in Eugene, Oregon, that he really began to distance himself from the rest.

In the fall of his junior and senior years, Stageberg excelled at both distance running and at track. In spring of his junior year, he held the fastest time in the state for the 880-yard run, the distance Stageberg says is still his favorite.

During the spring of his senior year, Stageberg had the chance to race against some freshmen from the track teams at the University of Oregon and Oregon State. Stageberg blew them away in his favorite 880-yard race. After the race, his high school coach approached him and asked him how he felt.

"If I had had some competition, I would've beaten the state record," replied a confident Stageberg.

Oregon was known at that time as a runner's mecca, and it was assumed that after completing high school Stageberg would attend either the University of Oregon or Oregon State. But he had other plans.

"As much as I enjoyed running I didn't know if I was going to be dedicating myself to it. So I was really interested in making the world a safe place for democracy," he said.

Mr. Stageberg Goes to Washington

With aspirations of becoming a foreign service agent in the Middle East, Stageberg applied to the Foreign Service School at Georgetown University and was accepted. He contacted the track coach there and asked if he would be allowed to try out for the team. The coach not only offered Stageberg a place on the team, but offered him a scholarship as well.

His first year at Georgetown as a member of the freshman team passed uneventfully until spring, when his coach entered him in a mile competition. Stageberg had never raced the mile before, but he had been training hard.

"In the first 50 yards I was so tired I thought, 'I'm not going to be able to finish this', he said. He finished his first mile time-trial with a time of 4:11.9.

Stageberg trained hard the following summer, and during his sophomore cross-country season he placed fourteenth in the National Championships, which earned him his first All-American title in the fall of 1966.

The spring track season arrived and Stageberg was training to compete in the mile and three-mile races. But a pinched nerve between two toes slowed him and later stopped him from competing. For a month and a half, Stageberg stopped running and training, but a coach entered him in the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America (IC4A) three mile race. Stageberg warmed up the day before the race, but still could not train.

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somebody said to me 'you're going to be okay, don't worry about it'. And the next day I went out and warmed up and there was no pain and I ran away with the race," he said. "Essentially my foot was okay. From then on I could train."

Track season brought better times for Stageberg in the mile. At a meet in Iowa, Stageberg ran a 4:02.9 mile, his best time yet.

"I had a suspicion that I might be able to really start putting some things together," he recalled.

That suspicion was correct, because a week later Stageberg ran his first sub-four minute mile. He finished with a 3:59.8.

"I had broken 4 minutes. That was the only time I've ever thrown up after a race," he said.

Three-mile times were improving as well for Stageberg. At the IC4A championships, he broke the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) record with a time of 13:32.6.

Stageberg's NCAA National Championship performance, where he placed second, qualified him for the Olympic Trials and earned him his second All-American title.

Olympic Trials Upset

Olympic Training Camp at Lake Tahoe would pit Stageberg against the elements as he raced for a place on the 1968 Olympic Team. The Olympics were held in Mexico City, at an

altitude of about 7,000 feet.

One year earlier, in the summer of 1967, Stageberg was selected to help test Olympic training sites where athletes participating in the 1968 Olympics could train at altitude. Stageberg had learned from training at the test site in Flagstaff, Arizona, that he did not race well at altitude. When he raced at altitude, he placed

two or three places lower against opponents he could beat at sea level. So when he went to the Olympic Trials, he knew he had his work cut out for him.

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In a July 1971 article in *Sports Illustrated*, Stageberg said, "Why did I come back? First, I have a God-given talent. If I don't develop it, I guess I think it would be a sin. It's like in the Bible, the parable of the talents. If you bury them, you are damned. Second, I'm still improving, and I'm intrigued to see how much my body can take. I believe I'm divinely blessed. My success, it's not rational... For lack of a better word, it's irrational, or rationally inexplicable."

After months of light training, a coach called Stageberg and told him that he had been entered in the Penn Relays and had three days to prepare for the race. Stageberg won the race.

"I got in the car and drove. I was sky high, I kept thinking 'what could I do if I trained a little bit', he remembered.

And then he did. Stageberg pushed himself and had an amazing performance at the Martin Luther King Games a couple of weeks later. He brought his three-mile time down to 13:15.

Confident with his performance, Stageberg entered the AAU National Championships three weeks later. It was here that Stageberg would first race against track legend and fellow United States National Track Team

member Steve Prefontaine.

Stageberg Versus Prefontaine

The two Steve's, both from Eugene, Oregon, raced against each other in the three-mile competition. The encounter ended with Stageberg placing a close second to Prefontaine. Their times were two of the fastest ever recorded. Prefontaine came in with the second fastest time ever at 12:58.6 and Stageberg was close behind with 13:00.3.

After the race, Prefontaine commented that he had turned to look behind him and saw Stageberg close on his heels.

"I didn't expect anybody to move on me that soon," said Prefontaine in the 1971 *Sports Illustrated* article.

Later that day, a coach congratulated Stageberg on almost beating Prefontaine. "Give me another year and I will," replied Stageberg. A rivalry was quickly developing.

The two met a week later at the U.S.-U.S.S.R. track competition. Before the race began, their coach had recommended that they alternate the lead to beat their opponents.

"I took the even numbered laps. We took off and set a pretty good pace the first four laps. We knew they couldn't run with us if we ran as fast as we knew we could," he said. "I was tired and I finished the sixth but [Prefontaine] didn't come by me. Finally I looked back and he said 'I can't take it'. I'm the only one who knows this story, that he admitted to

see STAGEBERG, page A4



courtesy Stephen Stageberg

Stageberg sets the pace for Steve Prefontaine in the 1971 U.S.-U.S.S.R. track competition. Prefontaine sprinted ahead in the last two laps to lead Stageberg over the finish line. Prefontaine finished in 13:30.4 and Stageberg with 13:35.5.

Stageberg admits to being overconfident going into competition. "When you're in an individual thing like this you need to have a pretty good awareness of what your capabilities are. There's something to being cocky, but there's something to knowing where you are," he said.



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survival.

If the cheetah does not consume
the gazelle, the cheetah will die. If
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until he finds something else to eat.

In conclusion, we would like to
cite Mr. Faccenda's omission of a
key phrase in his quoting of Gandhi.
He did not include the phrase
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MWC Wants State Oil Cleanup Money

By Andrew Mefford
Bulletin Staff Writer

College administrators have requested approximately \$450,000 in emergency funds from the state of Virginia to pay for replacement oil tanks and the cost of natural gas service during the winter.

The request is in response to an oil leak discovered May 4, 1998, which disabled the existing tanks and deposited 1,400 to 1,500 gallons of oil into the ground between the heating plant on College Avenue and the Jepson Science Center.

According to Midge Poysck, executive vice president and chief financial officer, the funds already have been verbally approved by the state.

"We've already gotten word to receive [the replacement tank and gas] money," Poysck said.

The funding would come from the state's general emergency fund, which colleges and universities can request funds from if they have a facilities problem.

According to Poysck, in order to receive funding from the state, the college needs to make a case to the state government explaining why the emergency funding is necessary and why the college cannot afford to pay for the repairs itself.

Poysck said that once the college and the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) agree upon a corrective action plan (CAP), then the college will submit the plan to the state and seek reimbursement.

According to Poysck, the CAP has been submitted to the DEQ and is now being reviewed.

"It has to go through my review. I have to approve it," said Jay Green, a DEQ spokesman.

Green said that the evaluation would probably be a one-to-two month process, and that once the plan is returned, the college has 90 days to act on it.

"Once construction is started, it shouldn't be more than a couple weeks to completion," Green said.

Poysck said that no regulations were violated surrounding the spill. The leak was due to a mechanical failure of the tanks, she said, which were installed in 1967 and are not regulated.

"We knew that we needed to replace the tanks soon. I don't know when [replacement] was scheduled," Poysck said.

Green said that there are no regulations controlling oil tanks, so the heating plant employees did not break



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The college is hoping for \$450,000 from the state to clean up the oil and pay for the natural gas the heating plant must now buy to heat the school this winter.

any rules.

"There are no regulations for oil tanks," Green said. "When they leak the owner is required to contain and control the spill."

The clean-up plan involves the removal of the two 20,000-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs) that were leaking. Also, to prevent future oil spills, a wall will be placed under the storm sewer line which carried the oil to the storm drain.

According to the CAP, only a small amount of dirt will be removed, in order to minimize the disturbance of the ecosystem.

Green is concerned about further damage to the environment done during the clean-up.

"Many times clean-up is more harmful than letting the oil degrade in the ground," Green said. "It is an urban environment, and not a very sensitive one. It has been manipulated by humans for a long time."

Another concern Green had involved ecological damage to the Rappahannock River.

"[Of] the receptors at risk in this area, receptors being

the animal population, ecosystem, human population, and drinking water, the Rappahannock is the first priority," Green said.

Human and animal populations in the area are not immediately threatened by oil in the ground, Green said. But the oil could come in contact with the underground water table and with underground springs going into streams and tributaries of the Rappahannock River, thus contaminating the river.

The assessment that the water table is safe was expressed in the CAP.

"Dissolved phased hydrocarbons were not detected in any groundwater samples collected from the Geoprobe sampling. Due to the low solubility nature of #6 fuel oil and the apparent water table depth (10-14 feet below grade), dissolved phase contamination is not expected to be a concern at this site," the CAP stated.

Because the college is using natural gas, there is no possibility that more oil will leak before the tanks are replaced.

RACIAL page 1

The first question asked in the 1998 survey was: "I feel I am a part of MWC." In 1998, the results from this test show that only 33 percent of African-American students said "yes," while 74 percent of the Caucasian students said "yes."

"These numbers appear to be echoing the African American students' feelings of alienation found by Payne on this campus 10 years ago," Inson said.

Question nine on the assessment test asked if students had ever seen any evidence of racism at Mary Washington College. Many more Caucasian students, 35 percent, said no than did 10 years ago. A majority of African-American students, 52 percent, said that they had seen evidence of racism.

"I have not had a phone call or had any racial slurs directed toward me since I have been here. Although, I had a friend who got a phone call telling her to 'leave this school and to go back to Africa,'" said senior African-American Dominique Brock.

"The denial of racism has become greater. Many

Caucasian students feel if they don't have to deal with it it's not a problem."

Corcoran said that she has encountered students who had felt very uncomfortable in certain classroom situations.

"I had a former African-American student who was in a class where the professor was giving a lecture on slavery," Corcoran said. "The professor stopped the lecture and singled her out by asking her how she felt about slavery. Consequently, she dropped the class."

Inson was very concerned about any classroom environments in which students felt uncomfortable speaking up in class.

"When Caucasian students are more comfortable and African-American students are much less comfortable raising questions in class, what does this say about the environment on campus," Inson said.

The test in 1988 was given to 46 African-American students and 46 Caucasian students, all of whom lived on campus. In comparison, the 1998 assessment test was

given to 107 minority students, 52 of whom were African-American students, and 116 Caucasian students. All students surveyed lived on campus.

The students and faculty members involved in the study said that while they were not surprised by the results found, they were deeply saddened that 10 years after the original survey, the racial climate at MWC had only gotten worse.

"It is hoped that this research will bring to the attention of MWC that there is a problem and something must be done," Inson said. "Hopefully, new African-American faculty and staff will be added as well as more African American students. Contrary to one African American student's belief, it is hoped that this research will make a difference."

This study will be presented to the whole campus during the month of February, which is Black History Month. For more information call the Multicultural Center at 654-1044.

NAME CHANGE page 1

Washington and Monroe University, then the name Mary Washington College will fade into oblivion," Watkins wrote. "And we will see yet another example of the denigration of women and their contributions to society."

Some faculty members feel that the lack of masculinity in Mary Washington's name is the reason for the attempt at change and that a less feminine name would dispel the image of an all female school and draw more male applicants.

The MWC 2000 plan, which attempts to plot the future course of the college, calls for 40 percent male enrollment by the year 2000. Mary Washington is currently 33 percent male.

"The fact is that people make assumptions based on a school's name," Martin Wilder, vice president for admissions, told the faculty. "This is an issue of quality. More applicants means more selectivity and quality."

A few members of the faculty agreed with Wilder.

"This is a good marketing ploy," Roy Gordon, assistant director of athletics, said. "Right now people don't see the college for what it is. Right now we get a high caliber of applicants but not as many as we could."

Vincent DiBenedetto, a member of the BOV, said that attracting more male applicants is not the motivation behind the BOV's efforts to change the school's name.

"One of the main reasons we are changing the name and especially moving to university status is

fundraising," DiBenedetto said. "There may be the inadvertent effect of attracting more male applicants, but that is not the intent. We are already close to the national average male enrollment for liberal arts colleges which is 40 percent."

DiBenedetto also said that the name change issue is not on the agenda for this weekend, and he blamed Wednesday's Washington Post article for perpetuating a rumor.

Topher Bill, professor of psychology and the faculty representative to the Board of Visitors, said that changing the school's name would not be sensible.

"I am not in favor of this motion," Bill said. "The school should remain Mary Washington College."

Pat Metzger, professor of business, agreed with Bill.

"It would be a bad business decision [to change the name] after we have spent all that time promoting it," Metzger said.

Some sided with Watkins in saying that changing the school's name is not a business decision but a sexist one.

"Harvard, Yale and other colleges didn't change their entire name when they became universities and we shouldn't either," said Wendy Atwell-Vasey, assistant professor of education. "Sexism is sexism."

Students have joined the faculty in opposing the name change. Jessica Torney, SGA academic affairs chair, told the faculty that there is a strong consensus among students opposing the motion to change Mary Washington's name.

"If there are men that won't apply to this school because it is named after

a woman, then we don't want them here anyway," Tenney said.

If the faculty was strongly against the name change, the SGA was even less divided. They voted 45 to one in favor of Mary Washington remaining the umbrella name for the entire school.

SGA members seemed to feel that not only should Mary Washington College's tradition be preserved, but its uniqueness should be preserved as well. They pointed out that Mary Washington is the only public college in the Commonwealth of Virginia named for a woman.

Kristin DeGraff, SGA vice president, described Washington and Monroe University as a very generic name, comparing it with the likes of Washington and Lee and George Washington University.

This is the second time during the presidency of William Anderson that there has been a push to incorporate the name of James Monroe into the school's name.

In 1985, the Board of Visitors decided to change of Mary Washington College to Washington-Monroe College in Virginia. The Board reversed its decision only after a massive student protests.

Richard Warner, professor of history and American studies, supported the 1985 name change, but has changed his mind this time around and says the name change would be a mistake.

"Changing our name to Washington and Monroe would cast us down into a pool with all of the other schools that have no recognition," Warner said.

PHONE CALL page 1

"[The police] were waiting for whoever did it to trip up again and I guess we were all hoping that it was just a prank," Devon said. "Our main point is that it shouldn't have happened in the first place."

The Black Faculty/Staff Association, MWC President William Anderson, Midge Poysck, executive vice president and chief financial officer, and Bernard Chirico, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, have expressed their concern and support to the students through letters and suggestions.

The Black Faculty/Staff Association sent a letter to Anderson and other administrators that said this incident should not be taken lightly.

"With the escalating number of deadly school violence in Kentucky, Mississippi, Oregon and recently Tuesday's shooting spree plot in Wisconsin, we consider this telephone message a serious and frightful call, not a prank nor an isolated incident," the letter read.

The letter also said that the association is disturbed by the fact that the college is unable to produce a record of incoming and outgoing calls.

A recommendation that the college install Caller ID on their phones was also made by the Black Faculty/Staff Association.

According to Norsworthy, Caller ID cannot be set up on the phone system.

"The phone system that the students are under doesn't adapt to Caller ID," Norsworthy said.

Linda Maple, voice services manager, said the only tracing device that can be used on the system is star-57, which will only work if students act immediately after they receive the

phone call.

Maple said the system would not be able to keep a record of phone numbers for each student.

"If we kept them all the system would blow up," Maple said.

The two victims, meanwhile, do not feel much closure with the action taken.

"They tried to do something, but it didn't seem like anything came from it," Devon said. "If it happens again the person could just get away, because the trace will only follow the last call."

The students said the reaction from the administration has been positive, and that some of the letters they have received did seem completely sincere.

"I want to say that it gives me comfort, but to me they are just words," Devon said.

They have also received support from various minority clubs.

QuoTarisha White, president of the Black Student Association, said that this incident shows that the college is a long way from reaching diversity.

"I find it disturbing that we preach how diverse Mary Washington College is and incidents such as this have happened," White said.

For the two roommates, this incident has made them question their happiness here.

Devon said she was strongly thinking about transferring to another college before the racist phone call, and that the incident has become a further catalyst for her decision.

"I don't need to be worried with that additional stress," Devon said.

Devon's roommate said the incident gives them a reason to consider leaving, but that she has been happy at the college overall.

Voice Mail Malfunctions Give Students Headaches

By Alex Panek
Bulletin Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, Megan Noel, a junior living in Custis Hall, was waiting to find out whether or not she had been accepted to the Study Abroad program for which she had applied.

"I checked my messages everyday to make sure that they hadn't called, but my voice mail said that my mailbox was empty," Noel said.

It turned out that the Study Abroad program had already called Noel and left her a message concerning her acceptance, but her voice mailbox never recorded the message.

"When I finally got in touch with the program, it was after Thanksgiving Break, and I was told that I had missed the deadline for the program. I was given an extension, but that doesn't change the fact that I should have gotten the message in the first place," Noel said.

Noel was not alone. Many students have had problems with the campus voice mail system in past weeks. Students calling into some voice mailboxes hear a generic message telling them the phone number they have reached instead of the student's recorded greeting. Many, like Noel, have had problems retrieving messages left for them.

Sophomore Ann Macconnachie, who lives in Jefferson Hall, said that she had problems with her voice mail similar to Noel's difficulties.

"I didn't get a lot of important messages that were supposed to be in my mailbox. This shows that you never know when a system like voice mail has a problem until you find out that you aren't getting messages that you're supposed to," Macconnachie said.

According to Linda Maple, manager of Voice Services, problems like these began about two weeks ago.

"After we began receiving complaints, we found that a portion of the hard drive which runs voice mail had failed," Maple said.

According to Maple, repairs to the hard drive began as soon as a technician was available. "Correcting this problem has taken many hours and repairing the hardware is not cheap. The money will not come from our department," Maple said.

Since not all students who live on campus have been affected by this problem, students have no way of knowing if their mailboxes are working.

Maple said that she has sent several e-mails addressing the problem to all students so that they can find out if their voice mail is working.

"If students are not aware of problems with their voice mail, they should read the e-mails and call if they discover a problem," Maple said.

"We're working with pieces of equipment. Sometimes they fail."

POWERS page 1

investigation of Perry and Sgt. Steve Simmons amid allegations of discrimination by a former police officer. The investigation was dropped by state police, but continues with the Virginia Department of Personnel Training.

"Simmons is on administrative leave; we don't know what's going on with him," Knick said. "There is the empty chair position and one other officer position is open, but we are waiting for the next chief before we hire anyone."

Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, who oversees the college police, said the administration is, in the process of selecting a new chief.

According to Chirico, the deadline for applications for the new college police chief was Nov. 20 and the school has narrowed the applicant pool from 49 to six.

The college will select the top three or four applicants through questionnaires and those applicants will be interviewed to determine the new chief.

There are some other vacant positions in the police department, according to Knick.

These vacancies shrink the college police force from 13 to 10 officers.

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